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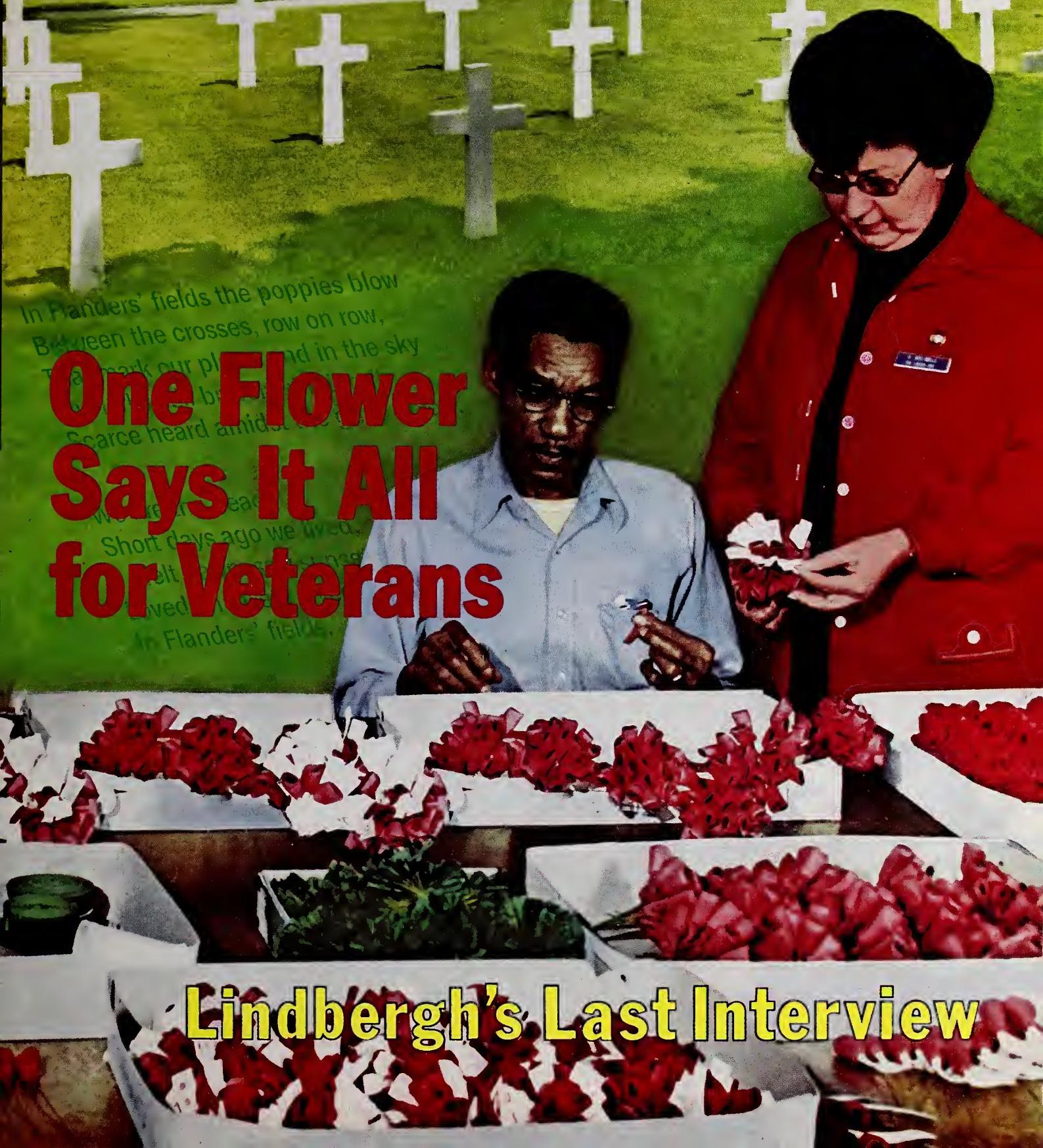
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# LEGION

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In Flanders' fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
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## NOTES ON OUR DESK

**M**EMORIAL Day brings to mind visions of immaculate national cemeteries at home and military cemeteries abroad where so many thousands of Americans rest in peace, but author Melba Edmunds reminds us of a tiny corner of America that is marked and preserved in far-off Libya, on the shores of Tripoli.

This is how she found it:

Already the glare of the morning sun had beaten the waves into submission. From the modern asphalt highway, weathered stone steps made their way toward the sea. On one side was the whitewashed wall of the British Rod and Gun Club; on the other a well-repaired stone wall. The steps turned abruptly and clung to the cliff. The rocks below were green from the dampness of the Mediterranean.

The stone steps stopped at a small opening in the wall. Inside, the vaulted doorway framed a picturesque seascape. A tanker rode on the blue-purple sea. White birds floated in and out of view.

The Arab who approached could have been a traveler on the road to Emmaus, or he could have watched the Turkish Pasha on the palace ramparts. The unbleached wool he wore served as protection from the cold at night and the heat of the sun by day. His skin had lost the dark swarthy color of his youth. It made a fragile pale frame for his still intense dark eyes.

"Kief halek," he said in greeting. He held out his hand for a coin. Then leaning on his cane, he withdrew to sit silently in the shade.

The walls enclosed an area not larger than half of a city lot. On top of the stone floor were positioned stone burial crypts about the size of a coffin. Markers noted the deceased. Most were members of embassy families who had served in Tripoli during the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Babies, children and young mothers seemed to dominate the tiny Christian cemetery. One marker mourned a young man who had lived without enemies, but had been killed by assassins.

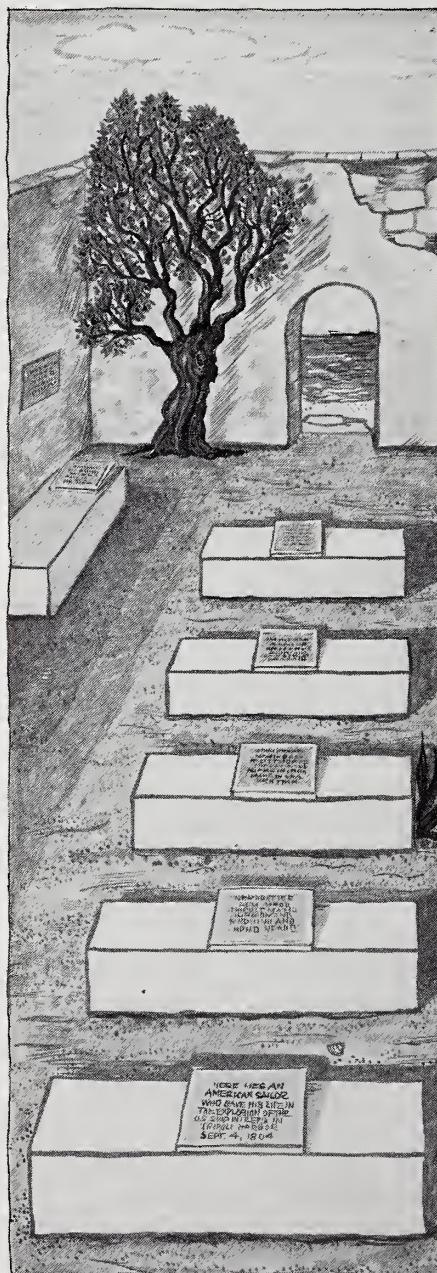
In the northwest corner of the room-like cemetery, a gnarled olive spread its limbs over five stone

caskets. On each crypt a bronze marker has been placed:

*"Here lies an American sailor who gave his life in the explosion of the U.S. ship Intrepid in Tripoli harbor Sept. 4, 1804"*

A plaque on the wall reads:

*"Here lie five sailors of the American ship Intrepid, who lost their lives in the battle against the Barbary Coast pirates Sept. 4, 1804. "The honor we accord them for*



An American corner in Libya

their heroism is no less because their names are unknown.

—erected by The Wheelus Air Force Wives Club

The waves could be heard splashing gently against the rocks below. Americans have left Wheelus Air Force Base. The old Arab seemed to have faded into the colorless wall. The sun shortened the shadows and increased the heat. But the five young American sailors continued their long sleep under the ancient olive tree.

### Letters to the Editor

SIR: The statistics on the GI Bill's benefits cited in "The Real Pay-Off" (February) gave me a thrill. It made boos of the detractors who tried so hard to kill the original GI Bill. Five of us gathered at the farm of past national commander John Steele at McLeansboro, IL, to write the original draft of the bill. The others were Dr. Lloyd Bevard, Ray Hubbs and Lloyd McCraeken. Stelle took it to Washington. I am more than proud that I served on that committee.

ED BENNETT  
West Frankfort, IL

SIR: "America's Silent Epidemic" (February) brought back painful memories of my son, 19, who succumbed of burns sustained in an Army accident in Germany. He was flown to the Burn Unit at Brooke Army Hospital, TX. Words cannot express the unceasing dedication and determination of that entire staff.

FLORENCE FOLZ  
Bloomington, MN

SIR: The space shuttle (February) is a key asset to the space program. It will advance U.S. science and technology.

JOHN WETSCH  
Killdeer, ND

SIR: It was a pleasure to read of two great Irishmen, James Shields and John Barry, in the March issue. The Irish gave so much to making this a great country.

CHRIS MURPHY  
Ridge, NY

SIR: How did the draft dodgers win their point? Who put the money behind their drive? There are thousands of veterans now nearing the end of their lives. Why can't they band together and fight for some kind of bonus, some kind of financial aid?

JOSEPH MILLER  
Albany, NY

SIR: I want to thank Commander Rogers for speaking out for us veterans. He's telling Americans what it means to be free. We veterans must all speak up, before it's too late.

RAYMOND BUNEL  
Calhoun, GA

SIR: I cannot accept the American Legion's protests against the Vietnam pardon. I served in the submarine Navy. Had I been sent to Vietnam, perhaps I would be writing this from Canada, or perhaps not at all. I was always under the impression that the Legion's primary concern was for its members. I cannot continue in the organization. The Vietnam war was wrong.

TIM DENEEN  
Verona, WI

SIR: My husband, 82, is still paying premiums on a \$10,000 life insurance policy taken out in World War I. It's not fair.

MRS. EARL M. SHEEHAN  
Alliance, OH

SIR: George Bacon's article about Scott Field (February) stirred my memories of World War II days at Fort Sheridan, IL. I went back for a Bicentennial ceremony on the old parade ground and heard the familiar cannon roar as the flag was lowered at sunset. I admit to a bit of nostalgia.

A. MCKAY  
Mundelein, IL

SIR: I am grateful for your articles on the Postal Service's attack on veterans' preference. Veterans' preference was hard to win; we must never lose it.

JOHN J. MC GUIRE  
Buffalo, NY

SIR: I recently asked the Legion to help in a review of my disability. I did not get an increase, but I was treated in a competent, thorough and fair fashion.

A. O. LANNIGAN  
Spokane, WA

SIR: The article "GI's Keep Britain Laughing—Via TV" (March) told me that my old World War II airfield is still in use. I'm glad.

NORMAN BATES  
Bentonville, AR

SIR: Rep. Les Aspin (WI) would take away lawfully-contracted pension benefits of retired military personnel. Many of us would surrender our pensions if Aspin and his kind would give up their pay raise and permit their pensions to be treated the same way.

ROBERT A. CARTER  
Roxbury, MA

SIR: I have been a patient at Bay Pines VA Hospital for more than six months. I speak for every veteran here when I extend my undying gratitude to my fellow men and women Legionnaires of the Department of Florida for their many generous efforts.

ARTHUR G. EASTMAN  
Orlando, FL

SIR: I agree with Commander Rogers' SALT message, but in new strategic arms talks the United States should insist on a minimum of offensive weapons and no limitation on defensive anti-ballistic missiles. If the Russians really want peace they'll agree.

RAY KACIK  
Staten Island, NY

SIR: I have mixed emotions on Cdr. Rogers' January message on unions in the military. Most service personnel would rather not have unions, but with the great erosion of benefits and token pay increases in the face of inflation, the military person feels he has no one else to turn to.

W. W. BREEDLOVE  
Bangor, ME

SIR: Unionizing our armed forces would be the most demoralizing thing possible to our country. Once they were unionized, a commanding officer's voice would be null and void.

MRS. MILDRED BETTERIDGE  
East Liverpool, OH

SIR: World War I veterans need your help to secure a much needed pension. When we were mustered out we were paid \$60 and rail fare home. There were no unemployment checks, no help in finishing our schooling or loans to purchase homes. We who helped win World War I also helped to pay for many of the benefits given to veterans of the last three wars.

RALPH D. SCALES  
Glendale, CA





## The Commander's Message

# What is Happening To This Land of Ours?

**T**HIS AMERICA we love so much is a troubled land. For nine months, thanks to you men and women of The American Legion, I have had the privilege of traveling from coast to coast, from border to border. I have traveled overseas to visit our men and women on freedom's perimeters and to talk with allies and critics.

Too many I meet are filled with doubts; too many are asking if we have fallen victim to our own excesses; too many see old standards, old traditions crumbling with little or no evidence of new standards rising to strike that spark in a child's eye, or straighten an aging back.

I haven't taken any polls, but I have talked with thousands of ordinary Americans who are worried that values they fought for are slipping away.

Terrorists seize hostages, kill innocent people, posture for television cameras, mock the police and even demand conversations with the President of the United States.

Crime has spawned a silent fear that pervades once-proud cities.

An estimated million or more illegal aliens move about the United States, working for cut-rate wages, usurping jobs that belong to unemployed Americans, particularly to those who served with honor in Vietnam.

A discouragement or disillusionment with government at all levels borders on cynicism. President Carter recognizes it and preaches against it, but it will take action, not words, to restore faith in the public ethic.

Concerned parents are pulling the plug on dubious, if not offensive, television programs. Neighborhood theaters offer "parental guidance" movies that make many parents blush and "x-rated" fare that is artistically redeeming only in the eyes of judges wearing blinders.

I don't consider myself a "square," nor a censor. After more than 50 full years I don't shock easily. Neither do most Legionnaires. But I think I belong to a majority that find today's exploitation of explicit sex disgusting and demeaning. Crude and offensive language is simply an indication that the offender is cursed with a limited vocabulary.

Many Americans also are growing weary of being targets for alleged, imaginary and distorted "sins of their fathers." Justice is one thing. It's to be guarded and sought after at all cost. But the manipulation of law to upset property rights more than a century old raises serious questions. So does the application of extreme social theories to large parts of our population.

The average American, I am convinced, supports heartily the principle of equal rights; he supports the just settlement of claims against government by minor-

ity groups who have been wronged or disadvantaged in the past. Certainly he supports the too-long-neglected principle of racial and ethnic equality. But achievement of a social planner's vision of equality must not be at the price of a social system knitted over 200 years and proved to be "man's best hope." It is that very fabric that offers our disadvantaged their best hope.

Unfortunately, discrimination is an old disease. In our short history it has not been limited to those whose skin is not white. Each wave of European immigrants tasted it in turn. Some residue lingers. True, they did not suffer it as long, or to the degree that non-whites have endured it. But so much has been achieved in the last 20 years since the Supreme Court spoke out on segregation. It would be tragic if all this were ignored.

I realize that this commander's message touches on subjects that some people would prefer to leave unsaid. But they are subjects that are worrying this fine land. They affect everyone. They distort our view of the world around us and the world's view of us. They undermine our national will.

It is a cliché to say that this is a dangerous moment in our history. The phrase has been the editorial writer's prerogative for 200 years. But this is a moment of disquiet. It troubles me. The excesses reported on Page One every morning are symptoms of this disquiet.

Our national leaders have embarked on wide-ranging negotiations with our communist adversaries, with traditional allies and with so-called "Third World" countries with whom many of us are unfamiliar. It is a period of experimentation, of probing and exploring new problems, ambitions and identities. The success of these initiatives is of paramount importance to every citizen. They will be successful if we judge each with clear and untroubled eyes. They will fail if we are blinded by fear or apathy, cynicism or prejudice.

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These questions used to really stump me. That was six years ago.

My wife and I then lived in Denver, Colorado, at 2545 South High Street. We paid \$135 a month rent for a cramped, tumbled down house. My wife was expecting our second child and we were flat broke. I felt desperate and forced into a corner. I had to borrow \$150 from my father and another \$150 from my father-in-law just to buy the groceries and pay the rent. If that wasn't enough, we were several thousand dollars in debt.

Things are much different now. Last year I could have retired and lived off the income of my one million dollars in real estate holdings. (Incidentally, almost all of the income from the real estate is tax free).

Since I had worked 20 to 40 hours a week, I know that I didn't work even 10 times longer or harder than you. And with my C-average from Ames High School (located in Ames, Iowa). I'm quite certain that I'm not any smarter than you.

If hours, efforts, or brains are not what separates the rich from the average guy who is swamped with debts and very little income, then what is?

I learned the answer to that question from an old fellow in Denver. This fellow worked in a drug store stocking the shelves. Very few people knew that he had \$200,000 in the bank, all of which he had earned starting from nothing.

Within a year after meeting him, I was told and shown the same thing by a young man who had recently earned over a million dollars. By this time, I began to realize that what I was being shown was truly a remarkable and workable way to grow rich.

I began to apply the principles and me-



MARK O. HAROLDSEN  
32 Year Old Millionaire

ths I had been shown. The results were amazing. I couldn't believe how easy it was, in fact it seemed too easy.

But then I met an elderly lady (83 years old) who, although not very smart, has made \$117,000 using the same formula.

I then figured my beginning wasn't luck.

For three and one half years, I worked hard to refine and improve on the formula that I had been shown, so that it would be easy to get quicker results.

As I did this, my assets multiplied very rapidly (160% per year) to the point that I didn't have to work any longer.

I guess I am bragging now, but I did start spending a lot of time in our back yard pool, traveling around the country, and doing a lot of loafing.

Then one day a friend asked me how he could do what I had done.

So I began to outline the formula that I had improved to show him really how simple it was, and how he could do the same thing.

By the next time he approached me, I had written almost a complete volume on the easy way for him to copy my results.

I wrote this in simple, straight forward language so anyone could understand it.

This time my friend's questions were very specific. (He had already begun buying properties with the formulas I had been giving him). Now he had a property he wanted to buy, but was out of cash. How could he buy it?

I not only showed him how to buy

without cash, but by the time the deal was complete, he had \$5,000 cash in his pocket to boot.

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But you shouldn't care if I profit as long as you profit. And I guarantee that you will.

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# One Flower Says It All

## *Poppy Tradition That Blooms Again on Memorial Day Was Created in New York in 1918 by a Georgia Girl*

*And now the torch and poppy red  
We wear in honor of our dead.  
Fear not that ye shall have died  
for naught  
We'll teach the lesson that ye  
wrought  
In Flanders fields.*

When Moina Michael penned her poem "We Shall Keep the Faith" on the back of an envelope in 1918, she drafted the blueprint for the Memorial Day poppy program adopted by The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary a half century ago. Other veterans organizations followed suit.

Poppies were first worn to honor the nation's war dead on November 9, 1918, in New York City, when Miss Michael of Athens, GA, distributed them during the 25th conference of the Young Men's Christian Association. She then was attached to the YMCA Overseas headquarters.

In June 1919, a booth serving coffee and doughnuts at the homecoming of the 32nd (Red Arrow) Division in Milwaukee was decorated with poppies. People passing the booth picked the flowers to wear in their buttonholes and left donations.

George F. Plant Post 1 in Milwaukee had observed this, and on the Saturday before Memorial Day in 1920, Post 1 distributed 50,000 poppies and netted \$5,500 for charitable purposes.

Meanwhile, Miss Michael had interested her home state Legionnaires in Georgia in wearing the poppy in memory of the war dead. In August 1920, the Georgia Department of The American Legion adopted the poppy as its memorial flower.

The Georgia delegation took the idea to the Legion's National Convention in Cleveland and the Convention adopted the poppy as the national memorial flower of The American Legion. It was the first national organization to do this. The Auxiliary followed suit in its organizing convention in Kansas City, MO, in October 1920.

The Auxiliary later decorated Miss Michael with its Distinguished Service Medal.

The American Legion and Auxiliary, alone among veterans organi-

zations, have all their poppies made by veterans. And every cent of the money donated for poppies distributed by the Legion and Auxiliary must go for relief work—rehabilitation and child welfare. The Legion's fifth National Convention decreed this. And the money realized from the poppy drive just prior to Memorial Day stays in the community where it is given. Not one cent is used for any administrative costs.

During the poppy drive, thousands



of men, women, girls and boys volunteer to distribute the flowers on street corners for the Legion and Auxiliary. They receive no pay.

In calling for public support of the poppy program this year, Mrs. Paul Brown, President of the Auxiliary, said that the primary purpose of the sale is not necessarily to raise money.

"What we must keep in mind is that the basic purpose of wearing the poppy before and on Memorial Day is to honor our nation's war dead," she said. "It is an individual's personal gesture of remembrance of the sacrifice made by our fallen Americans."

"I don't mean to imply that the money raised through poppy day is not important. It is—both for the veterans who make the poppies and our rehabilitation and child welfare programs. But the main purpose of the poppy drive is to honor our dead."

The poppy worn to honor America's war dead recalls the valiant flower that grew on the battlefields

of France, in the fields of Flanders and elsewhere on the Western Front of World War I.

Encouraged by associates and friends at Columbia University, Moina Michael quickly was recognized as the "mother" of the poppy program. She was born Moina Belle Michael August 15, 1869, near Good Hope in Walton County, GA. She attended Braswell Academy and was graduated from the Martin Institute in Jefferson, GA, at the age of 15. After this, she began teaching school.

A marker on the highway from Madison to Monroe, GA, states that Miss Michael's "first teaching was in a log cabin on her father's plantation and in an old store in Good Hope." From here, she continued her teaching career in many places throughout Georgia.

According to her obituary in the *Savannah Evening Press* on May 10, 1944, "she was a member of the University of Georgia's faculty staff for more than 25 years." Georgia honored her in 1937 with a marble statue in the state capitol in Atlanta.

In 1943, the postal service issued a Moina Michael commemorative stamp, showing a portrait of her and three Shirley poppy blooms. That same year a Liberty ship was christened the "SS Moina Michael."

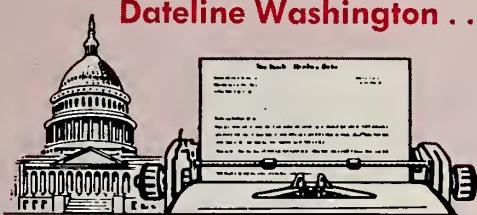
Until the time of her death, for each Memorial Day she fashioned a huge anchor of poppies.

"Though ill and with hands stiff and aching from neuritis, Miss Moina worked (in 1944) on a poppy anchor to be used in ceremonies at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis," the *Evening Press* reported. The anchor, made of 300 paper poppies, was completed just two weeks before her death. When she died at 74, her grave was covered with a blanket of 3,223 red poppies which had been made by veterans.

And as Moina Michael wrote in the first stanza of her poem:

*Oh! you who sleep in Flanders fields  
Sleep sweet—to rise anew  
We caught the torch you threw  
And holding high, we keep the faith  
With all who died.*

## Dateline Washington . . .



### FEDERAL AGENCIES MAY SELF-DESTRUCT!

### POSTAL SERVICE—THE GOOD & BAD.

### "THE DRAFT" A SINKING SHIP?

Rep. Abner Mikva, of Ill., would like a number of regulatory agencies...CAB, FCC, ICC, SEC and FPC among others...to "self-destruct" after a specific period (seven or 13 years, depending on the agency), forcing the agency to justify its existence or go out of business.

Mikva was joined by more than a score of his colleagues in his version of what is now being known as "sunset" legislation. The drive in Congress to eliminate parts of agencies and reduce the number of commissions which regulate our lives is gathering a full head of steam with the blessings of the Carter Administration.

The \$85 million surplus racked up by the U.S. Postal Service in the last six months of 1976--inflated in part by the United Parcel Service strike last fall--is both good and bad for postal users. The good is that there will be no postal rate increases this year; the bad is that the decision not to raise postage is merely postponed until next year.

Postmaster General Benjamin F. Bajlar still sees some rough times ahead. The number of postal customers is increasing about 2 percent a year, although mail volume is at a plateau. Also, some modern technology methods may cut down postal revenues. Meanwhile, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that postal service will require \$21.8 billion in subsidies over the next four years.

A Senate Armed Services Subcommittee report characterizes the all-volunteer armed forces as a "sinking ship that is becoming increasingly costly to keep afloat," as calls for a renewal of the draft are heard around the halls of Congress. The Army and the Marine Corps are finding it difficult to recruit qualified enlisted personnel and the report indicates the situation isn't likely to improve.

Countering the draft call, the Congressional Budget Office says that the United States can continue to afford the all-volunteer program if the Defense Department adopts more efficient personnel policies. President Carter says that he does not

favor resuming the draft, but would support it if the nation's security depended on it.

The Army is increasingly concerned with the quality of recruits it's attracting. The number of high school graduates who enlisted in the Army dropped from 62.2 percent in Oct.-Nov. 1975 to 54.5 percent during the same period last year.

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#### PEOPLE & QUOTES

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##### ENERGY PURPOSE

"The energy choices this nation must take in the years ahead will be difficult ones. They will excite controversy; they will require sacrifice; they will demand a new sense of national purpose." James Schlesinger, President's Energy Advisor.

##### INFLATION ALERT

"Whatever the government does may increase inflation." Charles L. Schultze, chairman, Council of Economic Advisers.

##### FAITH SUSTAINS THEM

"If I were to answer what sustains us in this struggle, first and foremost is trust, faith in people, faith in the future, and faith in the human values for which we stand." Victor Bukowsky, Soviet dissident

##### DECISION MAKER

"(President Carter is) slow and deliberate in making up his mind. But once he's made up his mind, he usually thinks he's right." Hamilton Jordan, Presidential Asst.

##### HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY

"Communist countries must recognize that concern for human rights is not a diversionary tactic but an integral part of foreign policy of the Western democracies." David Owen, British Foreign Sec'y.

##### BUSINESS SURVIVAL

"If business as we know it is to survive, it too must become activist and not allow the initiative to remain with overzealous regulators. . ." J. T. Bailey, chairman, Warner & Swasey Co.

##### FROM THE FARM

"It is important to the economic well-being of all Americans that we have a strong, prosperous agricultural community and a well fed and well understood consumer community." Bob Bergland, Agriculture Sec'y

##### SO SAY SOVIETS

"The navies of the leading maritime powers have now been given a new task: to destroy the military-economic potential of the enemy by direct assault on his vital industrial centers by nuclear strikes from the sea." Admiral S. G. Gorshkov, USSR Sec'y.

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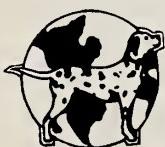
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# Lindbergh's Last Interview



This month marks the 50th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's epic solo flight across the Atlantic.

In the adjoining columns *The American Legion Magazine* presents a rare Lindbergh interview, perhaps the last he gave before his death nine months later on Aug. 26, 1974. Although the interview was made in Birmingham, AL, on Veterans Day in 1973 and was broadcast to troops overseas by American Forces Radio and Television Service, this is the first time the interview has been published in the United States.

Lindbergh made a rare public appearance in Birmingham to receive that city's annual Distinguished National Veterans Award.

"There is no other award which I appreciate more than this award from the veterans," Lindbergh said. He also made it clear that he broke his "no-interview" rule of almost 40 years only because his remarks were broadcast strictly to Americans in uniform.

Raymond J. McHugh, editor of *The American Legion Magazine*, and Legionnaire Raymond Weeks, director of Birmingham's National Veterans Day celebration, were present at that interview and helped reconstruct it for this issue.

"His identification with men in uniform and veterans surprised me," recalls Weeks. "He felt very deeply about our national security. I've often thought what an impact he might have made had he spoken out publicly more often." But public platforms were not comfortable for Lindbergh.

It was a reticent, intense young man who flew the air mail in the early 1920's; nursed the stubby, awkward Spirit of St. Louis from the drawing board to immortality; married the beautiful, talented

Anne Morrow; pioneered in medical technology; suffered pain and heartache when a son was kidnapped and slain in one of the most publicized crimes of the century; suffered more pain when his accurate appraisals of Nazi aviation in the late 1930's were misconstrued as support for the Hitler regime; pioneered many of the engineering developments that made American civil aviation pre-eminent and helped the U.S. Air Force conquer Hitler's Luftwaffe and the Japanese air arm; tested planes and techniques in combat against the Japanese; helped organize the Strategic Air Command; played a leading role in the early rocket-missile-space program, and was a significant force in awakening responsible Americans to environmental dangers.

Virtually every achievement after his Atlantic crossing—and every sorrow—came outside the range of public view. That was the way Lindbergh wanted it.

"I just don't feel comfortable talking about myself," he told his Birmingham interviewers.

It's too bad. Charles Augustus Lindbergh was a man who had so much to tell us all.



At left is "Lucky Lindy" as he appeared in May of 1927, his "Spirit of St. Louis" and a typical newspaper report on his flight. On right (clockwise): Lindbergh's triumphant ticker tape parade in New York; in World War II pilot's uniform; on controversial inspection trip of Nazi airbases in late 1930's; with Mrs. Lyndon Johnson; Lindberghs at 1973 Birmingham Veterans Day celebration where this interview was given; and in 1930.

*Q: General Lindbergh, would you tell us first about the start of your association with the Armed Forces?*

A: I was a field artillery cadet in 1920. I rode a wheelhorse for a three-inch gun. In 1925, I received a reserve commission in the Army Air Services.

*Q: Would you now bring us up-to-date on your military activities?*

A: In recent years, I have concentrated on activities that might not be called military, basically. I've been working primarily in fields of conservation and civil aviation. My latest work for the military consisted of serving on ballistic missile committees, scientific committees.

I served for six years on various scientific ballistic missile committees. We worked, to begin with, on the Atlas and then on the Titan, the Thor, the Polaris, the Minuteman—that was my last military activity.

*Q: You were associated with Dr. Robert Goddard in early developments of rocketry? Did you and Dr. Goddard foresee ballistic missiles and even space travel?*

A: Dr. Goddard, an amazing man, tremendous ability, obviously, and vision, divided his rocket activities—missile activities we would now say

—into two general fields: on the one hand, he was a very conservative physicist, speaking only within the bounds that he knew could be achieved from the standpoint of practical physics; on the other hand, he loved to let himself go completely in science fiction; he never published in those fields, but he would enter his own journals, write some papers.

I learned that he was thinking of sending spaceships out through the stars and into the galaxies. He let himself go completely in imagination in this respect.

He discussed later, and thought a great deal about possibilities of putting man into latent life, freezing life and bringing him back mechanically after thousands of years. I think no one but his wife knew that he was interested in these fields at the time. And in the discussions with me originally, in 1929, he held to very practical physical limits.

*Q: I'm aware that one of your major concerns during your association with Dr. Goddard was obtaining adequate financing for research and development. Could you tell us a little about it?*

A: Dr. Goddard had received some support from the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, but (they were) \$500 allotments and he was

practically out of finances when I met him. I got him, first, a \$5,000 grant from the Carnegie Institution of Washington. Then I asked him what he really needed to carry on his research effectively. He said if he could only have \$25,000 a year for four years, he felt he could accomplish what otherwise would take a lifetime.

It seemed like a great deal of money then. I went to one of the big explosive manufacturing companies . . . They were not interested.

Finally, I went to my old friends, Harry and Daniel Guggenheim, father and son. Daniel Guggenheim had established a fund some years before for the promotion of aviation. After listening to my description of Goddard and what he was doing—not for very long, I think not over five minutes—Daniel Guggenheim said that he would provide the \$25,000 a year. And he did.

This carried on Goddard's project. It let him establish a laboratory and a launching tower, which he made out of an old windmill, at Roswell, NM, where Walker Air Force Base came later.

On that \$25,000 a year, and bear in mind he was the leading exponent in the fields of space at the time and rocketry, he paid his own salary, he paid the salary of his assistants, he paid their and his transportation to Roswell, set up the launching tower and covered all expenses at \$25,000 a year.

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## By D. L. HICKS

I SERVED in Vietnam as an advisor to the South Vietnamese Army infantry. In 1969 I was retired for physical disability, as a captain.

Vietnam was not my first war. I was an enlisted man during the Korean War and served as a rifleman and squad leader with K Company, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, in 1951 and 1952. Upon my return I wrote "Bugles and Drums, and those kinds of things."

It was May 1952. I had returned from Korea four weeks after my 19th birthday. At Brooks Army General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, TX, my contingent was checked out and given 30 days leave. We had gathered on a large lawn, most using our duffle bags to sit on, to wait for relatives who would pick us up. A young sergeant walked through the group on a pair of crutches. A Corpsman carried his duffle bag and a small handbag. The young ser-



Duty calls and you're honor bound to hear Bugles and Drums, and those kinds of things. Stand up straight and raise your hand, as many have done before, are doing now and will do again. This great Mother country of ours needs her young men that are brave and strong to go forth and do battle, whether it's right or wrong—for that is not the question to ask when duty calls.

Up, up, and onward your training goes, to prepare you to meet that challenge you must face in war and a man-made hell.

Finally that big day comes and on board that big ship you go, to take you to a foreign land, where they challenge the best, and it is do or die. Out at sea you strain for one last look of a friendly land, and you hear the last faint strain of "Auld Lang Syne." But in your heart you forget the pain, for the sound is louder and stronger of Bugles and Drums, and those kinds of things.

There it is, that foreign land! Dif-

And into battle for the first time you go, and needless to say it is different from that in the picture show. Days turn to weeks and weeks turn to months, and thank God, you're still alive!

The last battle is like the first and all the rest. You hang on to the top of that goddam hill, with teeth and nails and sweat and blood. You're playing King of the Mountain, and it's a hell of a game.

The incoming mail announces itself with a terrible scream and lands with a bang and an earth shaking roar. Lord, Lord! Are you glad that this is not the way all postmen come to your door! Four days pass in the steady rain and you empty your hole with your helmet, and curse the strain. One quick look around over the edge of your hole and you see friend and foe laying askew. The time of bone-chilling fear has long passed and you only feel a gut-twisting sickness and a stabbing pain at the scene painted by horror in this man-made hell. Then one earth-



geant's left leg was gone just below the hip and his pants leg was folded up and through his belt. He stood at the curb, waiting. A car drove up and parked across the street. A woman jumped out, leading a man, two young girls and a boy. She ran to the middle of the street, and upon seeing her son, stopped, looked at the missing leg and then slowly sank to the pavement. She didn't scream or say a word. When she was revived, she whimpered and kept saying, "Oh, God, my son, my son."

We men just stayed where we were. We were not cruel by not helping. In fact, we were kinder by not interfering in their personal grief. Then and there I wrote "Bugles and Drums, and those kinds of things," folded it and never showed it to anyone for years. I suppose I was embarrassed to show too much emotion. As I have grown older, I know better. Read into it what you will, for I have only written what I feel:

ferent from ours, but it's not so bad. As you push north for the front line, things change on this foreign shore. The peaks get higher and higher the farther you go. And the men change from those in the rear; these men who have been fighting a war. Pinched mouths and sharp staring eyes that show no fear, just a sadness and an ache of a hidden pain. Gaunt, drawn men who have aged to a hundred and one.

You feel your first light pang of fear and on the nape of your neck the small hairs begin to curl. But the sergeant calls and on you go, and it's easy to forget those old-young men, when you follow Bugles and Drums, and those kinds of things.

But your bluster and bravado are short-lived as you stand in the valley at the base of the hill. The sound is a shock to your young brain when the first round falls, and you kind of forget the sound of Bugles and Drums, and those kinds of things.

shaking blast sends you home. A blast you don't really see, hear or feel. The sound is slightly deadened of Bugles and Drums, and those kinds of things.

Home! Home at last! There you stand by the train, trying to hide the aching pain. Your guts are empty and the throbbing of your brain is a hollow sound and your eyes are blurred by an unwanted tear. You wait in pain, knowing the family will try to hide the shock and horror in their eyes when they see the crutches and one less leg. They'll hug and kiss you and tell you you're the best, and deep down inside you'll know that for you it's never again to do or die. And the worst scar is not seen. It was seared on your brain. It will remain for the rest of your life, old soldiers say.

Oh, God! I'm only 19!

But the pride and the feeling have not changed, when it comes to Bugles and Drums, and those kinds of things.



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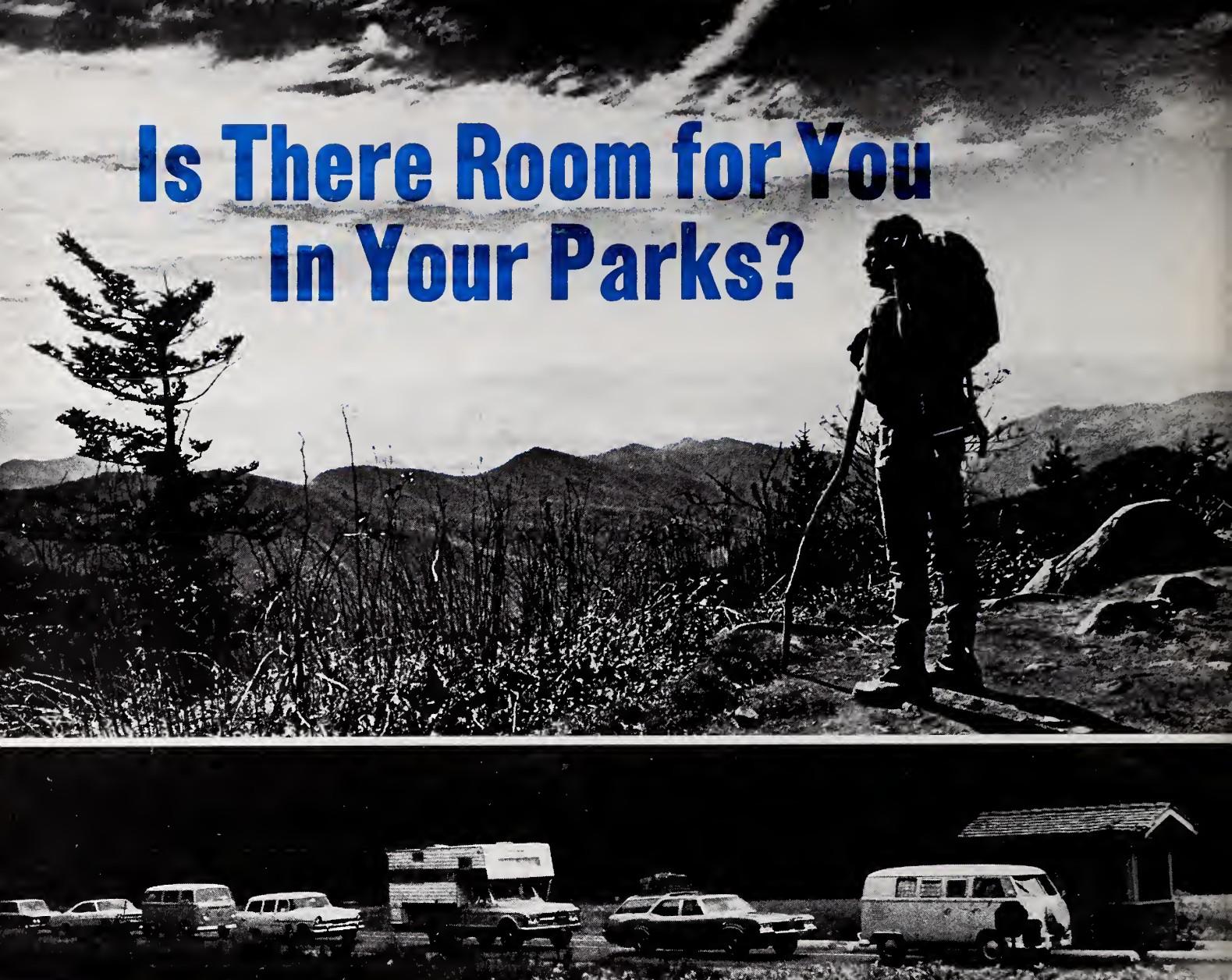
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# Is There Room for You In Your Parks?



Long lines and crowded conditions at some national parks disappoint visitors who yearn for solitude and wide open spaces.

**A**T DAWN one day last July, Dan Raml and his wife Jan left a campground in South Dakota's Black Hills and headed across Wyoming toward Yellowstone National Park. Eleven hours later they pulled to a weary stop at the park's Fishing Bridge area, the first developed campground inside Yellowstone's east gate. Finding the 317 campsites already taken, the Ramls got back in their car and began to search for a place to set up camp.

Thirty-five miles, three campgrounds, and 915 camping spots later, they were still no closer to finding a home for the night. Despair turned to joy, however, when they unexpectedly ran across old friends who had already claimed a spot and were willing to share.

It had been a lucky break, indeed. The Ramls' only choice would have been to travel out of Yellowstone's south gate and into Grand Teton

National Park where the entire process would have begun again.

Is this common? Are most national park users hard pressed to find a place to pitch a tent or park a trailer?

The usual answer is a definite "no." But the fact remains that in some of our more popular parks there actually are many more campers than campsites. The most recent National Park Service visitor report admits that "In recent years many . . . campgrounds were filled to capacity for the greater part of the peak visitor season." Consequently, some travelers are left—quite literally—out in the cold.

Overcrowding is NOT a problem at nearly half the areas administered by the NPS; 130 locations have been classified as lesser used areas and generally operate below their designed capacities. And, if some parks are crowded, they continue to pro-

claim their beauty and majesty to millions of satisfied Americans each year. A well planned visit to a national park is still a great bet for an enjoyable vacation.

Another safe wager, however, is that popular parks will continue to attract hordes of tourists who could eventually destroy much of value in these treasured natural areas. It took 91 years for national park turnstiles to admit the first billion visitors; that anonymous person crossed a park boundary in 1963, but by 1969 another billion had been checked through, and the figure is currently approaching 4 billion!

There are several reasons for the phenomenal popularity enjoyed (or, perhaps, endured) by many of the nation's parks. More people are living in this country than ever before, and the bumper crop of post-World War II baby-boomers is now in its more travelable years. We

have become the most unrestrained, mobile population in the history of the world. Detroit has put us on wheels, our affluence has given us the wherewithal, and the interstate highway system has paved the way for a nation of sojourners. Along the way, one of the magical, scenic, alluring spots is called a national park.

In the 15 years between 1960 and 1975, the annual number of visitors in the parks increased more than threefold, from 79 million to 239 million. In bicentennial 1976 the NPS hosted nearly 300 million Americans and foreign visitors.

A heavy burden has been placed on facilities within popular parks. Campgrounds which once were never filled may now see early morning queues of vacationers assembled in the hope of being one of the first come and, hence, first served. Reservations and overflow camping have been eliminated. A traveler arriving later than noon stands a good chance of not receiving a site. Commercial lodging inside the parks is, in most cases, not extensive enough to help alleviate the problem.

Additional campsites have been slow in coming, and in some parks the number of available spots has actually been reduced. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee and North Carolina, for example, is the nation's most visited, but in the last decade camping spots there have been cut back by nearly a third, although visitations have almost doubled.

On the road, too, the increases have been felt. While traffic on major park roads is not often bumper-to-bumper, it is heavy enough to measurably reduce that sense of solitude that draws Americans to their parks. In Yellowstone, which is noted for its varied wildlife, a vacationer who spies a bull elk and pulls to the side of the road to watch will quickly be surrounded by cars, gaping tourists and clicking shutters.

The Yellowstone tourist crowd sometimes resembles a farce in its rush to see as many animals as possible. One motorist recently pulled to the side of a busy road in wooded country and found that cars traveling in both directions had taken his lead and were also stopping. Doors on a dozen cars slammed as camera-toting vacationers peered into the woods to see whatever was there to see. The reason the motorist had stopped? To read a road map.

During peak summer months and midday hours, the strain of crowding is also apparent in restaurants, snack shops and souvenir stores, many of which are filled to overflowing. The Park Service has severely limited



Rangers dread crowded summer vacation weekends

concessionaire facilities to protect the environment, but it has had the effect of turning existing facilities into virtual seas of humanity.

Added to this, crime rates and accidents are on the rise in the national parks. In 1975, 5,000 persons suffered serious injuries within park boundaries, and 145 deaths were recorded (mostly from auto accidents).

The mass retreat to the sanctity of the parks has forced the NPS to spread its human resources extremely thin. One can enjoy a short stay in a national park and never come into contact with a ranger or naturalist other than the one who collects the fee at the gate.

Even some of the parks that are not traditionally plagued by over-crowding have been forced to limit participants in excellent activities. Glacier Park in Montana, for example, has instituted a quota for its naturalist-conducted "ecotreks" and allows only one such hike per person.

The personnel problem is com-

pounded by cutbacks or rearranged priorities within the NPS. In 1975, Glacier served twice as many visitors with 9 percent fewer staff members than it had 12 years ago. Over a 10-year period, Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park saw a 700 percent increase in backcountry use and a 20 percent drop in assigned backcountry staff. As the ratio of visitors to park personnel grows, the quality of the services necessarily declines.

In addition to the strain on park resources, there is another value that is in jeopardy in some of our national parks. For many visitors, the quality of an individual experience within a park has decreased as the variety of experiences has increased. Gleaming glaciers and thundering waterfalls are less majestic, less appreciated when the viewer stands in a throng. Each experience wrung from the bounty of nature can detract from every other experience.

Does all this mean that "Taps" has begun to sound for the park sys-

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## There Are 286 Places to Go

For the vacation-bent American, the National Park Service of the U.S. Interior Department operates 286 areas from parks to battlefields in the National Park System.

These include parks, monuments, rivers, trails, historic sites, battlefields, parkways, seashores and military parks.

Americans each year are crowding the system, so much so that the National Park Service recommends that you select a lesser known, less visited area for your vacation.

Of the recreation areas operated by the National Park Service, here are the 15 most visited parks in 1975 (the last year for which statistics are available) based on overnight stays at campsites or rooms

available during the season:

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| Yosemite, CA .....            | 1,935,600 |
| Lake Mead, AZ, NV .....       | 1,573,900 |
| Yellowstone, WY, MT, ID ..... | 1,292,600 |
| Grand Canyon, AZ .....        | 992,800   |
| Glen Canyon, AZ .....         | 786,300   |
| Great Smokies, NC, TN .....   | 688,000   |
| Shenandoah, VA .....          | 583,900   |
| Olympia, WA .....             | 480,900   |
| Cape Hatteras, NC .....       | 359,500   |
| Glacier, MT .....             | 338,300   |
| Sequoia, CA .....             | 332,400   |
| King's Canyon, CA .....       | 318,600   |
| Rocky Mountain, CO .....      | 308,500   |
| Death Valley, CA .....        | 308,400   |
| Blue Ridge, VA, NC .....      | 286,300   |

The National Park Service suggests that if you want to visit any of its areas overnight, phone or write for reservations.

# CAN SOCIAL SECURITY KEEP ITS PROMISE?



Anxiety of pensioners is caught in candid photos during Social Security interviews. Huge

complex near Baltimore houses U. S. system.

**A**CREEPING FEAR pervades American thought. It involves not only 104 million Americans currently contributing to the Social Security fund but another 32 million retirees now receiving benefits. The anxiety concerns the overall financial soundness of the system. Germane to this fear is one basic question: Will Social Security be able to meet its commitments in the years ahead?

More than 19 million Americans this year are paying the maximum \$965.77 in payroll taxes. In 1937 the maximum was \$30.

Fiscal soundness is not the only cause for worry. Fraud, administra-

tive ineptitude, Congressional fumbling and inequities are frequent topics in the press. Last year the House of Representatives logged 1,629 bills concerning reform of Social Security laws.

Critics like Warren Shore, author of "Social Security: The Fraud in Your Future," have gained extraordinary publicity. The Social Security Administration (SSA) was compelled to combat Shore's allegations with a five-page press release refuting his positions point-by-point. Then SSA was joined by four former members of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and

three former Social Security Commissioners, who in a 10-page White Paper, "Social Security: A Sound and Durable Institution of Great Value," admit major financial difficulties but categorically deny that the system is in peril.

But Social Security is not enhanced when states and local governments consider deserting the Social Security rolls. These include Alaska, several subdivisions in California, Texas, Louisiana, Virginia, Fairfax County in Virginia, Detroit, MI, Milwaukee, WI, Wyoming, Hawaii and Maryland. They are weighing withdrawal of employes for reasons of economies

or to institute their own pension plans. New York City postponed a changeover this year, but the plan is still alive.

Unlike most SSA-covered employees, civil service employees of states or local jurisdiction are not required to participate in the system but may do so on a volunteer group basis. Currently, 70 percent of the 12 million state and local employees are covered under Social Security agreements. However, if 50 percent of all state and local employees terminated their coverage as of June 1978, the total loss in contribution and interest income for the 5-year period (1978-1982) would be \$37.2 billion. The long-range costs would amount to 22 percent of taxable payroll to the Old Age Survivors Disability Insurance (OASDI) and 9 percent to the Health Insurance fund.

To grasp the present difficulties of SSA requires a brief historical survey of the system and an understanding of how it differs from private insurance. When Social Security was enacted in 1935, the public believed and the government fostered the notion that Social Security was much like private insurance.

The public, by contributing to the security fund, was entitled to a share in the fund with benefits based on contribution. The government was a trustee that would administer and invest the fund.

Underlining Social Security was the rationale that many were unable to manage money well enough to amass sufficient assets to tide them over in retirement with dignity. To a nation wounded by the depression the idea of a federal retirement program was acceptable.

Social Security, a government-imposed social insurance plan, only resembles private insurance. Social Security is not voluntary for most categories of workers it covers. It does not offer any tailored plans to fit individual needs. Its benefits are only loosely equitable. In fact, the looseness requires the Supreme Court to decide on serious cases of inequities. Funds contributed to the pool are not earmarked in such a way that private policyholders own individual shares. The SS fund follows no rigid rules for minimum reserves. Costs to administer the system are related to future benefits in a manner which defies accurate assumptions.

If Social Security had limited itself to a simple annuity plan with far less ambitious benefits, the House Ways and Means Committee would not be worried about insolvency.

Congress shares the blame. It tam-

pered with the plan. It now provides family protection benefits for young and old survivors, disability-related benefits and health insurance for those over 65 and some under 65.

The core of the problem is how to finance the expanded benefits in the future. The fund's growth has not kept pace with broadened commitments. Those currently covered under Social Security are supporting retirees and other beneficiaries. The contributions of those working now are being spent for current obligations. The money, as it was once supposed, is not being held in reserve earmarked for this generation of workers. When this generation retires, it will have to rely on the generation not yet in the work force to guarantee benefits. Some population growth studies predicting the ratio of workers that will have to be supported by the year 2020, augur a fund deficit in trillions.

Even with the fund's management there have been eyebrow-raising actions. In the past, the federal gov-

you might think, if raising payroll taxes is not a good approach why not raise the wage base. Some would raise the present wage base (\$15,300) to \$24,000. These proponents believe that raising the wage base would help to build the reserves as well as shifting the tax burden to those more capable of carrying it. But would an increase in tax be balanced by an increase in benefits for those paying the higher tax? Raising the wage base could discourage investments in pensions, private annuities or other means for capital formation.

Patchwork solutions have brought bills like H.R. 14430 "Social Security Benefit Indexing Act." When retirees became painfully pinched by the erosion of their benefits due to inflation, they complained bitterly. Congress responded with an automatic cost-of-living benefit, keyed to the Consumer Price Index. The adjustment device eased the pernicious pinch of inflation but it created another headache. No account was taken of the effects of high unemployment and inflation. Every time an increase was awarded retirees to maintain their purchasing power, the same factor was also used to increase the future benefit levels for workers currently covered. The effect is that some workers will get benefits exceeding their pre-retirement earnings. Now Congress must "decouple" cost-of-living increases for current beneficiaries from computations of initial benefits for future beneficiaries. If decoupling is not legislated, the system faces a potentially disastrous deficit.

David Mathews, former Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, estimates that over the next 75 years, failure to decouple benefits could cost between \$2 and \$4 trillion.

Other inequities threaten the integrity of the system. A few examples:

- State and local employees can retire drawing benefits under their own civil service plan; after retirement they can resume employment covered by Social Security and qualify in 10 years or less for another pension.
- Physicians who have only recently been covered by the system enjoy windfall benefits since they establish a benefit credit on their records far out of proportion to their overall contribution.
- A chronic welfare recipient who never worked a day can receive a higher monthly benefit check than a worker who has worked a lifetime on low wages.
- Two people may have worked for

## ***Retirement Income Limit of \$2,400 Is a Major Issue***

ernment siphoned trust fund money to make long-term loans to other government agencies at low rates of interest. Consequently, the trust fund failed to realize its interest potential. Instead of getting 6, 7 or 8 percent—a fair market rate—the fund's money was used to support government bonds at 2-1/2 percent. The question arises: No matter how socially desirable the loans to other government agencies, was it right to use the Security fund in this way?

Amendments to Social Security law now prevent less than fair market value investing. But the trust fund reserves have shrunk so badly they no longer comprise an attractive investment source.

One remedy is to increase the payroll tax. But more than half the population which includes low and middle income earners now pay a greater payroll tax than income tax. John Brittain, senior fellow of the Brookings Institution Economic Studies Program, has long held that the payroll tax is totally regressive. Fifty percent of all bankruptcies can be traced to small businesses that failed to meet payroll taxes. Well,

the same span of time for equal wages, but the person starting at an earlier period will receive less. The retirement income test has long been a bone of contention. Currently, retirees, if they work, may not earn more than \$2,400 a year to be eligible for their benefit. This, many feel, is stifling and breeds contempt of the system. The exclusion of passive income (bond interest, stock dividends, rental income etc.), adds to the contention.

Is it contra-productive to discourage senior citizens who are desirous of continuing work and extending their usefulness? If Social Security is considered only a base floor for subsistence in retirement, aren't citizens expected to supplement their own security?

Under Social Security, women are clearly discriminated against. When the system was conceived before World War II, men were regarded as the sole source of family support. Today, 60 percent of all women working outside the home are married. More than 45 percent of the nation's paid labor force is female, and 11 percent of all families are headed by women. More than 90 percent of women work outside the home, for pay, at sometime over their adult lives.

Another factor not foreseen at the time of Social Security's inception is the high rate of divorce. (Divorces passed the million mark for the first time in 1975.)

Former Rep. Martha Griffiths sums up the social change:

"The income security programs of this nation were designed for a land of male and female stereotypes, a land where all men were breadwinners and all women were wives or widows; where men provided necessary income for their families but women did not; in other words, where all the men supported all the women . . . This view of the world never matched reality, but today it is further than ever from the truth."

A revolutionary solution to adjust women's inequities is already at the doorstep of Congress with a bill by Donald M. Fraser of Minnesota, titled: "Equity in Social Security for Individuals and Families Act." The bill assumes that family income exists due to the efforts of both partners and both should be credited with that income on a Social Security record similar to the joint income tax. The Fraser bill would provide a mechanism for considering income jointly for Social Security. The formula is simple: Those not working in covered employment would maintain their own record or

coverage through spouses working in covered employment. Records would be adjusted annually to credit each spouse with family income earned in covered employment. Each spouse would be covered with the higher of the following: 50 percent of the couple's combined earnings in covered employment—75 percent of the highest salary either makes in covered employment.

Among the most recited women's inequities are: A wife who has never worked can collect more than a working woman who has contributed for many years. Example: A woman has worked for 15 years and paid Social Security contributions. With a modest salary and an interrupted work career, her benefits as a worker are less than those awarded to a wife who has never worked.

A widow under the age of 60 who is neither disabled nor has dependent or disabled children in her care is not covered. Example: A widowed woman, 55, without covered employment from her own work efforts is not eligible since she is neither disabled nor has she dependent children under 18. At 55, she is still too young to receive widow's benefits.

A woman who has been a homemaker throughout her entire marriage and with no covered employment of her own must depend on her spouse's coverage for support. Divorce or sudden widowhood can be a serious threat to her security.

Currently, a marriage must survive 20 years before a wife is entitled to her husband's earned benefits.

One brickbat hurled at Social Security is attended with grim humor—present law encourages the elderly to live in sin. When a widow or dependent widower remarries, the widowed spouse receives only the greater of 50 percent of the former spouse's primary insurance amount or the current spouse's benefit.

If changing social patterns have created inequities for women they have also served to create them for men as well. In a landmark case, the Supreme Court held that gender-based distinction in Social Security law granting survivor's benefits to a widow and children must also be accorded to a widower and children if a deceased wife has been a contributor to the system.

Other landmark cases challenge the economic dependency requirement. Widowers are only entitled to benefits if they can show that they were receiving at least one-half of their support from their wives at a specified time. Divorced husbands are not entitled to benefits as a spouse since their interest in a divorced

wife's benefits is terminated by divorce. A widow may receive benefits based upon her spouse's earnings if she is not *currently* married.

Until March of this year, a widower could only draw upon the account of a deceased wife if he has never remarried and he must prove that at least one-half the support came from his spouse. The Supreme Court has now ruled five to four that the SSA must make old-age survivors' benefits as easily available to widowers as widows. The decision qualifies 300,000 widowers whose working wives had contributed from \$100 to \$400 monthly. The court hinted that it may later rule that 200,000 aged husbands of wives who had also worked and paid taxes would also be eligible.

All problems bedeviling Social Security are not related to a changing social order. The Medicaid Program is a growing financial concern. The program has sprouted from a \$1.5 billion federal plan in 1966 to \$15 billion in 1976. Twenty states are now cutting down on their health programs for budgetary reasons. Medicare now accounts for 40 percent of the federal government's health expenditures with 28 million people covered.

A decade ago the American Medical Association waged a full-scale campaign to defeat Medicare. Since then there has been a temporary cease-fire between the AMA and the federal government. The war will resume in earnest if controls are imposed on doctors and hospitals.

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"You need rest and relaxation—I recommend you discontinue your retirement and go back to work."

# The outboard that proved itself in Asia, Australia and New Zealand is coming to the USA. How'd you like to be a dealer?

by Jim Bradke, Sales Manager, Mariner Outboards, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

The name of the motor is Mariner. It's designed and made by a joint venture of two of the largest engine manufacturers in the world. So why haven't you ever heard of it? Because it's never been sold in this country before.

But there are thousands of Mariner outboards in places like Africa, the Near East and Australia. (In fact, in Australia, only 1/2 of 1% of the thousands of units sold have required warranty service of any kind.)

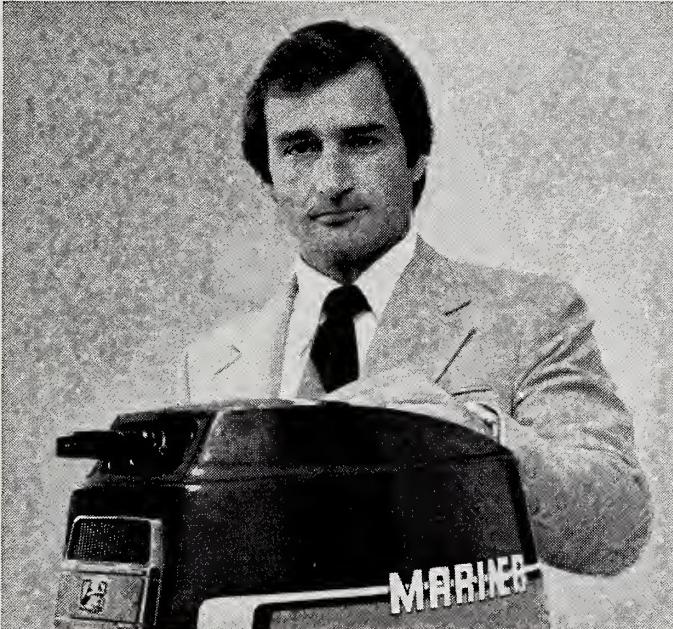
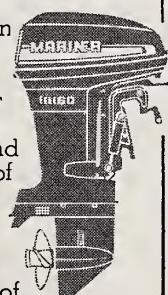
## The story of this remarkable outboard.

In most places outside of the U.S., people cannot afford the luxury of a motor designed simply for a weekend fishing trip or an afternoon of water skiing. Outboards must work day after day for transportation, fishing or exploration. It's often hundreds of miles between factory trained servicemen.

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Dealers who want to start from scratch with Mariner, or are looking for a new line of outboard motors that can hack it with the big boys in the business.

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Many times they were right.

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An outboard you never heard of could make you a millionaire.

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Get the whole story. Write me at the address below or call me (Jim Bradke) at this toll free number. 1-800-558-9758. If calling from Wisconsin, call 1-414-923-3200, collect.



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# Legion Is Part of the 500



Dramatic first lap photo of 1976 Indianapolis "500" keys this photo album. Left: Mauri Rose is greeted after 1948 victory by his son, three-time winner Wilbur Shaw and Actress Barbara Britton; popular Art Pollard poses in his Thermo-King No. 16 racer, the same car in which he was killed in a fiery crash (below). Right hand page (clockwise from lower left): Raceway President Sam Hanks as a 1957 winner; Past National Commander Preston Moore of Oklahoma and the late National Adjutant Emil A. Blackmore present a 50-star flag to Speedway on its 50th anniversary in 1961; program of 1910 race; Eddie Rickenbacker poses in car he drove to 10th place in 1914; Barney Oldfield and an early racer; and 1962 National Commander James Powers presents an anniversary plaque to "500" President Anton Hulman, Jr.

FOR 11 MONTHS out of the year the imposing structures on the west edge of Indianapolis sit quietly—awaiting destiny. Then, during the last week of April, indications of life spring into the grandstands and the surrounding area. "Welcome Race Fans" signs appear all over the city, and on the first weekend in May the sound of the 800-plus horsepower racing engines begins to filter into the western quadrant of the city.

Those motors will be heard around the world as 33 start simultaneously shortly before 11 o'clock in the morning of Sunday, May 29. Within moments, the brightly colored machines, driven by a unique species of human being, will roar down the main straightway in front of more than 300,000 people, take the green flag and roar away at speeds of up to 200 miles an hour for 500 miles. This year the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing" holds its 61st show. The American Legion, which also claims Indianapolis as "home," will have a part, as it has nearly every year since 1920.

Since the inception of the "500

Festival Associates" 20 years ago, Legion National Headquarters, which is one associate, has contributed to the lap prize fund.

An integral part of the May program is the Memorial Day ceremony at the Indianapolis World War Memorial. The service, coordinated by the Legion and other veterans organizations in the state, marks the sacrifices of citizen-soldiers. Pre-race ceremonies at the track also commemorate the dead of the nation's wars and the deceased of the racing fraternity. Following the prayer there is always a moment of silence and the bugle sound of "taps."

Then track owner Anton (Tony) Hulman intones his famous "Gentlemen, start your engines" and the richest race in the world gets under way. Last year, total prize money went well over the \$1 million mark.

As the 20th century began, Indianapolis had not yet extended the five miles from downtown where four auto pioneers would lay out the now famous track. America had seen the horseless carriage, and would soon see the airplane, but both were



still oddities when Carl Fisher, James Allison, Arthur Newby and Frank Wheeler joined to build an outdoor testing facility for the new horseless carriage, and staked their futures.

Built in 1909, the track scheduled balloon and motorcycle races at its inaugural, and later that year and in 1910 a three-day schedule of automobile races. The longest was a 300-miler. The original stone and tar track proved unacceptable that first year. In 1910 it was resurfaced with more than 3 million bricks.

In 1911, Carl Fisher reduced the racing schedule to one 500-mile race a year—on Memorial Day, and even though the American Legion did not exist, its association with the speedway began with that race.

Eddie Rickenbacker, who began racing in 1909 to help sell automobiles, was entered in the first "500" as a relief driver. Rickenbacker went on to fame in World War I as "America's Ace of Aces," became honorary national president of the Society of the American Legion Founders, and served on Legion commissions.

While future Legionnaire Rickenbacker was shooting down German airplanes over the Western Front, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway suspended all racing for the duration. It too, had taken to the air—serving as a landing field for the infant Army Air Service repair depot that Fisher and Allison brought to the little village of Speedway that was growing up next to the race track.

When the war was over, Rickenbacker did not return to the Speedway to race. He did, however, serve as referee for the 1919 race and he drove the pace car in 1925, as an automobile manufacturer.

In 1927, rookie George Souders won the event in his Duesenberg Special and flirted with the record speed of 101.13 miles per hour set by Pete DePaolo in 1925. Souders, who died in 1976, served in World War I and at the time of his death was a member of Speedway Post 500, across the street from the track.

In 1928, the Speedway was purchased by Rickenbacker from the original owners. The famous race driver, turned flier, car builder, sales-

man and eventually president of Eastern Airlines, operated the Speedway through 1941. With the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, racing was again suspended for the duration. When the track reopened in May 1946, it was under the direction of three-time winner Wilbur Shaw and Anton Hulman, Jr.

Rickenbacker served twice as chairman of the Legion's National Aeronautics Committee—in 1932-33 and 1946-47. He was a member of Aviator's Post No. 743 in New York and served on the National Legislative Committee in 1920; on the Foch Tour Committee in 1921, and on the Military Affairs Committee in 1922.

The aircraft industry had not, before World War II, had as much help as the automobile industry. There were some individuals, like Legionnaire Roscoe Turner with his lion Gilmore, who contributed significantly to aviation through racing aircraft, but as Eddie Rickenbacker recalled in his autobiography:

"An adequate training program for future engineers and technicians  
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# Mother Bickerdyke— A Nursing Tradition

THE EARLY years of Mary Ann Ball were probably very simple. She was born in 1817. Mary Ann's home was her grandfather's farm in Ohio, between Fredericktown and Mount Vernon. Although it was unknown at this time, there was something special about this child from the farm. She had an unusual gift, which she would share with the world. It is memorialized today in a monument at Galesburg in western Illinois.

As Mary Ann Ball approached womanhood, she wanted to attend college. After studying for four years at Oberlin College, she decided to become a nurse. She went to Cincinnati to prepare for nursing. Perhaps, it was at this time that Mary Ann Ball first showed that she would stop at nothing to help others.

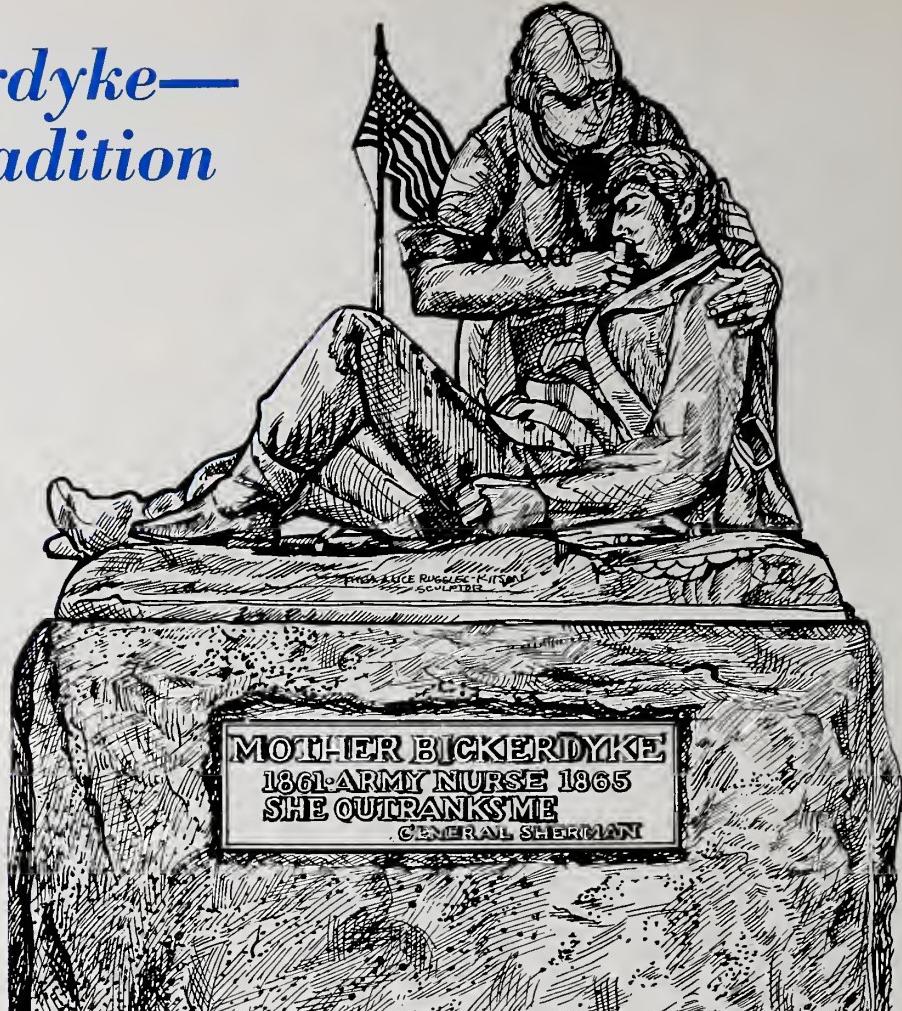
At 20, Mary Ann Ball risked her own life to assist a Cincinnati doctor during a terrifying epidemic of cholera, then a deadly disease since an inoculation had not yet been discovered. But Mary Ann Ball did what she could to help and somehow survived to help many other people.

Then 32, Mary Ann married Robert Bickerdyke of Cincinnati. They later moved to Galesburg, IL, in 1856. Two years after moving to Illinois, Robert died. Mary Ann Bickerdyke was now a widow. But she would soon show that her great strength had not left her.

The Civil War had sounded its frightening alarm throughout the land. Mary Ann Bickerdyke, then 45, volunteered to serve in the Union Army as a nurse. She would go to war, regardless of traditions for women or the opinions of others.

At a military installation in Cairo, IL, Mary Ann's efforts soon gained the attention of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, Commander of the Union Army. It was not long before she left to follow the sound of the guns. But what could one woman do in a war that raged for four frightening, bloody years? Mary Ann Bickerdyke did what she knew how to do very well. She cared for others, often when all hope was lost.

It is recorded that this unusual woman did some very remarkable things during the course of the war. She would risk enemy fire by going back after the day's battle to the same area where it had taken place.



Mother Bickerdyke statue is located at Galesburg, IL, on Interstate 74

She would take a lantern and look for wounded men that might have been left behind.

Because her lantern became well-known by the soldiers, she soon earned the affectionate nickname "Mother Bickerdyke." One cold January day, she had some soldiers tear down an old log breastwork. At least a fire might help to ease the cold. The need for a fire was greater than fear that she might get into trouble for what she was doing.

Seeing some officers approaching, who often tried to find fault with her, she said: "All right, I'm under arrest, but don't meddle with me until the weather moderates or a couple of hundred of these sick men will freeze to death and then what a hullabaloo there'll be over the heads of you officers!"<sup>1</sup> The officers decided that she knew what she was talking about. One even decided to help the cause by trying to get food.

Later, Mother Bickerdyke worked in a Memphis hospital. Food was greatly needed for survival. Mother Bickerdyke went to Illinois farmers for help and returned with 100 cows and 1,000 chickens. She was often re-

minded of her cow and hen "army" in later years. According to records, Mother Bickerdyke served during 19 battles, set up 300 hospitals, organized kitchens, collected supplies, introduced army laundries, made provision for examination and transportation of wounded soldiers, and was a constant irritation to incompetent officers!

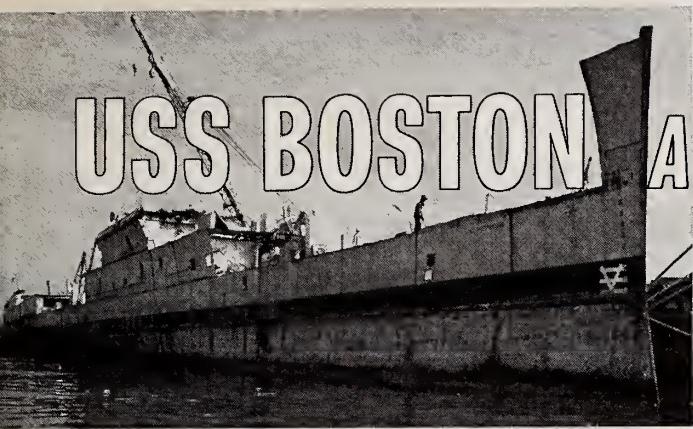
The war ended in April 1865. A great procession followed. Those who had been involved in the tragic drama were honored. As General Sherman passed the crowds, there was much applause. But Mother Bickerdyke, riding an old white horse which she rode across the battlefields, received an equal amount of applause for her outstanding efforts. Indeed, that farm child from Ohio was special.

Thus, Mother Bickerdyke was among America's first war nurses.

—Dru Cunningham

(Editor's Note: The U.S. Army Nurses Corps, the first among the services, was not established until 1901.)

<sup>1</sup> Izant, Grace Goulder: *This is Ohio*. New York, The World Publishing Co. 1953. p. 82



**L**AUNCHED eight and a half months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Cruiser *USS Boston* joined Task Force 58 in the Pacific and participated in almost every major raid, battle and invasion in that theater during the last five years of World War II. Names of almost forgotten battles must be associated with the *Boston*: the Marshall Islands, Kwajalein, Majuro, Eniwetok, Palau and Western Carolines, Hollandia, New Guinea, Truk, Saipan, Bonins, Philippine Sea, Guam . . . ; Okinawa, Leyte Gulf, Luzon, Gulf of Formosa, China Coast, Nansei Shoto, Honshu and the bombardment of Japan itself.

In her World War II configuration, she had a crew of 1,200 and bristled with armament with nine 8-inch guns in main batteries. She was sheathed in places by armor plate 8 inches thick. Though she stretched

673 feet and displaced 17,500 tons, her four-30,000 horsepower engines drove her at speeds up to 33 knots.

Recipient of 10 battle stars, she was retired in 1946, but recommissioned in November 1955 when she and her sister ship the *Canberra* be-

came America's first two guided missile surface ships. She served until November 1973. Today, the *Boston* is moored at a New Orleans scrap metal dealer's dock, torn asunder by wreckers.

—David B. Ruiz

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## Is There Room For You in Your Parks?

tem? Have the parks simply become a hopeless victim of a burgeoning population? Again, the answer to both questions appears to be "no." The park system has many critics, but none is ready to propose that it be dissolved.

What has been proposed, though, are several stopgap measures designed to temporarily boost park performance and one long-run solution that may, in the end, permit each visitor to enjoy the parks to the fullest.

It's been suggested that if more people want more parks and more facilities, the simple solution is to provide a supply equal to the demand. The system is growing each year, but the population and its mobility swallows up any gains. Also, expansion of facilities in wild, fragile areas can destroy the very resources the parks were created to

protect. Any decrease in congestion in one particular park also is likely only to enhance its popularity.

Another proposal is to lengthen park seasons so that the visitors can be spread out. The traditional park season runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

A travel pattern that could be altered, however, is the tendency of most vacationers to descend upon parks on the weekend. Nearly all parks experience peak use on Saturday or Sunday. An educational program could help to spread the load throughout the remaining five days.

Even if implemented to their fullest potential, these suggestions are unlikely to go very far in stemming the summer rush to the parks.

The use of rationing as a management tool in national parks is not unprecedented; Glacier limits certain activities and has rationed backcoun-

try use since 1972. Other parks have done the same.

The paramount disadvantage is that in any given year not everyone who would like to visit a particular park would be allowed to do so—and they are national parks, paid for by the taxpayer. —Gary Turbak



"Never mind how I got in here, Helen—  
just GET ME OUT!!"

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE



# Will Carter's Legislative

**T**HERE is no question in my mind that President Carter's legislative program will be successful. He has the support of the country. He has the support of a majority of the House of Representatives and Senate. He has people in the top jobs of his Administration who know what they are doing and are ready to carry out his objectives.

This is not to say that he should expect total agreement from the Congress on every proposal he submits. Some will be accepted pretty much as written; others will be amended, no doubt; and perhaps a few will be rejected. But in a democratic system like ours, with its checks and balances, that is the way it has to be.

Assessing President Carter's chances for success with his legislative program may be somewhat like the weather bureau estimating the prospects of rain. The forecast is most easily expressed in percentages.

Using this approach, I would say his chances for success are in the range of 80 to 90 percent.

When the weather bureau says the chances for rain are anything over 40 percent, I always carry my umbrella. At 80 to 90 percent I bring my raincoat, too.

I have been tremendously impressed with the way that our new President has approached his dealings with Congress. He obviously is aware that he came to the Presidency fresh from the people and with only one deficiency—a lack of familiarity with the intimate details of Congressional procedure and the history of legislative programs.

Already he has demonstrated not only a desire but a determination to overcome this deficiency. Never, to my knowledge, has an incoming President gone the second and third mile, as he has done, to work with the Congress. This kind of effort and co-

operation cannot fail to pay off in a successful legislative program.

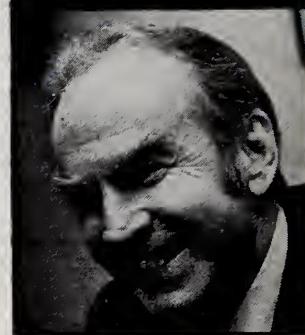
He obviously considers Congress a partner in government and not just some kind of rubber stamp, or potential road-block, at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue.

Already we have seen this partnership at work in the legislative package the President sent up to Capitol Hill early in this session to stimulate the economy. It wasn't conceived in a vacuum by a handful of White House aides; it had input from the leaders in Congress, first in a meeting held in Plains before the inauguration, and later in sessions held in Washington.

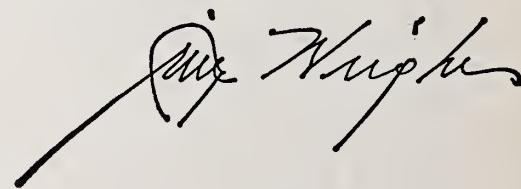
The President sought criticism and advice, and he was given it. In the end, while there wasn't absolute unanimity on every point, the President had formulated a package of proposals that truly represented a consensus of the leadership.

This is the way President Carter works. And this is why I expect his legislative program to succeed.

**"YES"**



Rep. James C. Wright, Jr.  
(D-TX)



If you wish to let your Congressman or one of your Senators know how you feel on this

# Program Be Successful?

"NO"



Rep. John J. Rhodes  
(R-AZ)

success are lessened by the fact that during the campaign he made so many promises. Clearly, he cannot accomplish everything he pledged to do.

During the Presidential campaign, President Carter promised many things. I asked the Office of Management and Budget to cost out the programs advocated by the Democratic Platform for fiscal year 1980. (The reason I suggested using 1980 is that it usually takes around three years for a typical program's budget to get off the ground and because that is the last year of the Carter term.) The figure that came back to me was \$166 billion.

I also asked OMB to cost out all the programs in the current budget by fiscal year 1980, allowing for no new programs, merely considering normal growth and the projected inflation factor. That figure was \$520 billion.

Therefore, Mr. Carter's budget in fiscal 1980, assuming that he intends to enact the Democratic Platform, will be \$686 billion.

If he can balance that enormous budget by the end of his first term without raising taxes, it will be the greatest magic act since Harry Houdini!

**T**HE ANSWER to such a question at this early stage of any administration must be "it depends." It depends on the merit of administration proposals. It also depends on the willingness of the President's own party in Congress to support his various initiatives.

Frankly, I should think that President Carter's chances for legislative

As far as President Carter's relations with Congress are concerned, Republicans intend to cooperate with him in accomplishing some of the more worthy goals he has set, such as balancing the budget and government reorganization. In fact, the President may find the Republican minority more receptive to some of his efforts than his own majority party.

It is no insignificant fact that the legislation providing the President with the power to reorganize the bloated Executive Branch of government was introduced in the House not by the Democratic committee chairman of the Government Operations Committee but by the Republican minority.

In conclusion, President Carter has his work cut out for him as far as enacting his legislative program is concerned. There is a tendency of Members of Congress of his own party to keep "kicking the President," regardless of his party affiliation.

But let me make it very clear that I do not intend to root for Carter's failure. On the contrary, I intend to help him whenever and wherever I can. After all, he is the President of all the people and our country's problems require positive action. We cannot afford stalemate between Congress and the President.

*John Rhodes*

*Scissors*

I have read in The American Legion Magazine for May the arguments in PRO & CON: "Will Carter's Legislative Program Be Successful?"

IN MY OPINION THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS:

YES  NO

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You can address any Representative c/o U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515; any Senator c/o U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

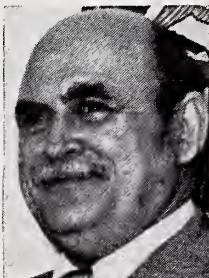
issue, fill out the "ballot" and mail it to him. ➤



# Veterans Newsletter

**PHILIPPINE MEDAL UPDATE . . . AGAIN:** In response to dozens of letters from vets concerning award of Philippine Liberation Medal, we contacted Philippine Embassy in D.C...Result...Embassy will ask Adjutant General, Dept. of Nat'l Defense to act on all pending requests...Our advice: Be patient...Thousands of requests for medal have flooded both Embassy and Gen'l Hq, Armed Forces of Philippines...They say decoration "is out of stock at present."... Some vets are just now receiving answers from request for same medal that AL Magazine publicized in 1972...We will keep abreast ...Let us know if ANYONE has received the medal.

**LEGIONNAIRE CITED BY VA:**  
Irving Peltz, D.C. Post 46, awarded Meritorious Service Award by VA for efforts on behalf of increased employment opportunities for vets, especially the disabled. Peltz, director of vets benefits for National Alliance of Businessmen's Jobs for Veterans Program, is double amputee from WWII.



Peltz



Edgar

**REP. EDGAR HONORED BY NATIONAL VETERANS GROUP:**  
Rep. Robert Edgar (PA) named outstanding legislator in dealing with vets issues by Nat'l Association of Veteran Program Administrators. Edgar introduced favorable vets education bills and bill to establish national vets cemetery at Indiantown Gap, PA.

**HOUSE VOTES NO EVADER FUNDING:** In surprise move, the House voted an amendment to \$27.9 billion supplemental appropriations bill that cuts off funds for President Carter's program to pardon draft evaders . . . Rep. John Myers (IN) intro'd amendment . . . says no funds could be used to process paperwork for Vietnam era draft evaders or to terminate investigations of draft evasion . . . Senate must approve and President must sign.

**LEGION JOINS PURDUE IN RESEARCH PROJECT:**  
American Legion in cooperation with Purdue University is conducting research project on Vietnam vet...study will identify major factors related to readjustment to civilian life...2,000 Legionnaires will be randomly selected...report scheduled for completion in time for nat'l convention.

**VA NAMES WILSON TO NO. 2 POST:** Rufus H. Wilson, 51-year old career VA official with nearly 25 years high level service, has been named deputy administrator by Max Cleland, Administrator of Veterans Affairs ...Disabled combat vet of WW II, Wilson has held variety of posts at VA, most recently chief of veterans benefits...A Legionnaire, Wilson is past nat'l cmdr-AMVETS.

**VA HAS TOLL-FREE LINE:** Question on vets' benefits? VA has 950 toll-free telephone lines to answer you...34 states have service...11 other states have partial service between population centers and VA regional offices...18.3 million calls answered in 1976...Vets should have claim number, military serial number and SSN when making call to speed answers...Look under U.S. Government section of telephone books, "Veterans Administration--Benefits and Assistance."

**LOUISIANA WINS MEMBERSHIP AWARD:** Department of Louisiana is 1977 recipient of General John J. Pershing Honor Award for having greatest percentage of posts with 100% or more of previous year's membership enrolled for coming year.

**REHAB TRAINING AVAILABLE:** Vets with at least 10 percent service-connected disability may be eligible for special education and training benefits from VA . . . 28,000 received vocational rehab training in FY 76 . . . Program provides more than regular GI bill . . . Contact nearest VA office for info.



Former Ambassador to the United Nations Henry Cabot Lodge briefed The American Legion's special U.N. panel at recent meeting in Washington. The panel, appointed at the 58th national convention, expressed its views on the focus and direction of the world body. Seated clockwise around the table are: Nat'l. Cmdr. Rogers, Dr. Robert P. Foster, Henry King, James Day, Joseph Ellenwood, G. Michael Schlee, Bill Anderson, National Adj. Bill Hauck, Frank Manson, Alvis Carver, Joe Matthews, Dr. Francis Wilcox, Lodge.



## '... No Whitewash on MIAs ...'

The American Legion continues to insist on full accounting of men missing in action in Vietnam. National Commander William J. Rogers announced after a meeting with President Carter at the White House (left).

The two men met shortly after a presidential mission returned from Vietnam and Laos and recommended normalization of relations with the Southeast Asian countries. Officials in

Hanoi surrendered the remains of 12 men to the mission. Ten were identified as airmen previously reported killed in the Vietnam war. One was identified as Vietnamese and one was unidentified.

"This is a beginning, a gesture," said Rogers, "but it is not the answer we require. We cannot accept a whitewash. We must keep faith with the families of those who are still unaccounted for;

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## Rogers Visits Canal, Opposes Giveaway

National Cmdr. William J. Rogers recently returned from the Panama Canal Zone and commented, "Our position is right. We should not negotiate a treaty that would turn the canal over to as unstable a government as currently exists in Panama."

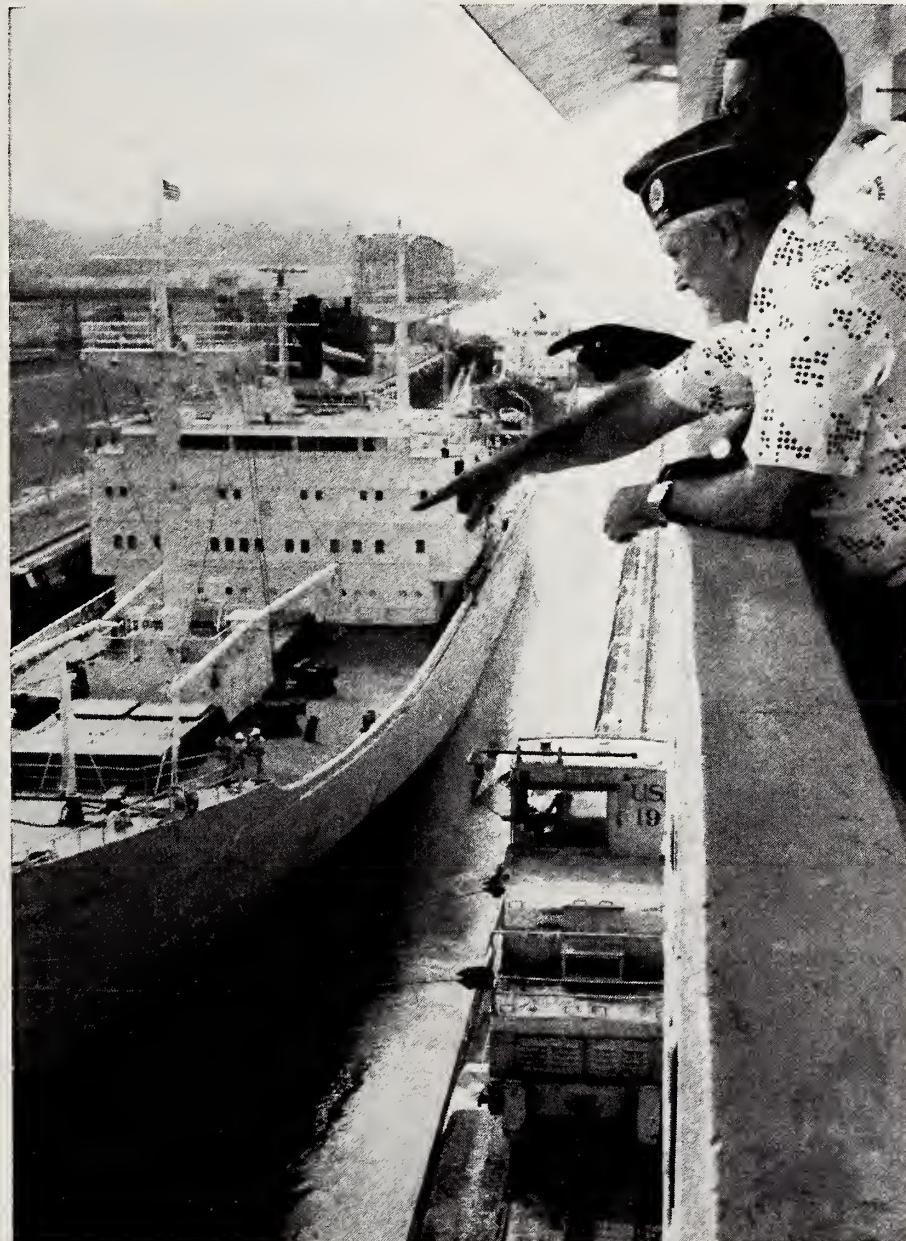
Rogers cited a Cuban threat in Panama as another reason for the Legion's firm stand on the canal, pointing out that the Cuban embassy is the largest in the small republic.

During his 3½ day stay in Panama, Rogers received a briefing on the canal from personnel at the Panama Canal Company and met with the Governor of the Panama Canal Zone, Harold R. Parfitt. He also met with the U.S. Ambassador to Panama, William J. Jorden and received State department and military briefings.

Rogers had lunch with Panamanian negotiators involved in the current round of talks with U.S. diplomats. "They wanted our support," said Rogers. "They seemed to know that American Legion support is crucial in their efforts to get a new treaty before the Senate."

Commander Rogers met with Legionnaires at Posts 1, 2, and 3 in the Zone and said those who worked in the Zone deserved the thanks of all Americans. "Too often," he said, "we are inclined to forget that United States citizens not only built the Canal, but paid cash for the land upon which it is built along with maintaining and improving it in cooperation with their Panamanian co-workers.

"We Legionnaires are not opposed to granting the people of Panama greater opportunities for employment within the Zone . . . but we do oppose, for national security reasons, transfer of United States property to another government that has admitted that it cannot guarantee the security or rights of free passage of the canal."



National Cmdr. William J. Rogers observes vessel as it transits the Panama Canal. Rogers told Legionnaires that retaining "full control of this vital waterway is absolutely essential to the national security of the United States."

# ' . . . Others may tire . . . Legion must never . . . '

" . . . while others may tire of the burden imposed by the care of these men and popular interest grows cold, The American Legion must never permit its interest to diminish or its energies in their behalf flag until to the last one has been brought all the resources that modern science can provide for the cure or amelioration of the diseases from which they suffer.

"However the Legion might succeed in other activities, it will fail if we do not continue to discharge our obligation to these comrades."

The words spell out the credo of The American Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Program. They were written in 1921 at the third annual national convention in Kansas City.

The 50-man Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, headed by Edward Golembieski, has as its responsibility the discharging of the Legion's "first duty," the care of the war-disabled, and of the widows and orphans of those who died in service.

The assistance provided by the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division is available to all veterans, not just Legionnaires. "Membership in The American Legion is not a condition of service," said Golembieski.

Golembieski's staff works for the American veteran. From the time he or she receives an honorable military discharge to the time of burial, the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division is available to insure the veteran receives his just due, according to existing law. Even after death, assistance is available to the surviving family.

Even without an honorable discharge, a veteran can be helped by The American Legion. Three staff members represent veterans who wish to have their discharges reviewed by military discharge review and corrections boards. When requested by the veteran, the Legion representative acts as counsel, sitting in on the hearing before the board of military officers. These Legion

representatives are trained in military law procedures and insure that all available evidence is presented and assure the veteran has the opportunity to fully state his case. Of 2,654 cases heard last year, 589 were successfully presented and 891 are still pending.

Patients in VA hospitals also receive assistance from Legion field representatives who visit nursing homes, domiciliaries, and 171 VA hospitals. Reports for consideration of the VA central office are submitted through the Legion's Washington office with frequent positive results of the recommendations made by the field representative.

"The Veterans Administration is grateful to The American Legion for the service it has rendered to the VA on behalf of our veterans," said Rufus Wilson, VA Deputy Administrator. "Without its assistance in the presentation of claims, hospital visitations and volunteer work, the work of the VA would be much more difficult."

The Veterans and Dependents Claims Section, located at the Washington,

case workers are assigned to VA insurance centers in St. Paul and Philadelphia to assist in all aspects of insurance activities. In addition, a representative is located in New York City to handle appeals for the Department of New York.

The implementation of all resolutions emanating from national conventions and from the National Executive Committee is the responsibility of Director Ed Golembieski and his deputy, Robert Lynch, under the supervision of the National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, chaired by W. F. Lenker of South Dakota.

The staff drafts necessary legislation which is introduced into Congress through the National Legislative Commission. Golembieski and Lynch present expert testimony at hearings.

"Virtually all veterans legislation enacted since 1919 was either written, sponsored or endorsed by The American Legion," says Lynch. "It's common knowledge that the Legion authored the original GI Bill and that we have been highly instrumental in the establishment and continued development of the VA hospital and medical system and are directly responsible for the enactment of pension legislation for veterans."

## ' . . . our devotion to mutual helpfulness. '

From the Preamble to The American Legion Constitution

D.C. regional VA office, handles claims from veterans outside the continental limits of the U.S.

When a veteran feels his claim was not properly evaluated by the VA, he may ask a member of the Appeals Section to be his designated representative in appellate action with the VA. Working with the veteran, the case worker is trained to examine the evidence, make a claim evaluation based on existing statutes and, in general, offer technical expertise not readily available to the average claimant. A Legion representative appears at the hearing with the veteran to assure that all points have been adequately covered.

The six Legion appeals representatives receive approximately 800 cases each month from veterans requesting assistance in a claim against the VA. Of the 6,837 cases processed by the Legion staff last year, 895 claims were allowed and 975 were sent back for further development. Of these, an additional 295 were allowed.

Few veterans realize the full strength of the Legion working in their behalf. Department Service Officers and more than 16,000 Post Service Officers, usually the veteran's first contact, process claims to the Legion headquarters. In addition to the Washington staff,

The American Legion has sponsored legislation in every Congress since the 86th, seeking to improve the Veterans Administration's nonservice-connected pension program as well as compensation, education, and housing.

"We have drafted bills for the 95th Congress which will seek further improvements in the nonservice-connected pension program," said Golembieski. "On the other side of the coin, we are monitoring developments in the area of national health insurance. We are adamant in our efforts to protect the integrity of the veterans medical care program."

## 800,000 Disabled Benefits

More than 800,000 disabled veterans have received almost \$2.3 billion in educational benefits under the Veterans Administration's vocational rehabilitation program, according to VA officials. Beginning with the enrollment of 11 persons in July 1943, the number of disabled veterans entering this program totaled 803,000 by the end of November. This includes 621,000 World War II veterans, 81,000 Vietnam-era veterans and 77,000 veterans of the Korean conflict.



Golembieski



Lenker

## Nebraska's Nell Krause Is Legionnaire of the Month

Nell Krause, past commander of the Nebraska American Legion, is our Legionnaire of the Month for May.

Nell has served The American Legion with distinction since she and her late husband, Clyde, signed the charter for a post at Fullerton, NE in 1919.

Honored in 1974 as an Honorary Department Commander, Mrs. Krause has been elected and served as state vice commander, president of the Nebraska Auxiliary, and is currently department historian.

In addition to her Legion activities, Mrs. Krause has supported Nebraska veterans as a member of the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs Council for 25 years. That agency regulates state funds to aide needy veterans and their families.

In a then predominantly "man's world," she was the first female state senator, appointed by Governor Dwight Griswold, to represent a central Nebraska district in a special session in 1947.

"The Legion's interest in veterans has kept me active in the organization," Mrs. Krause said, but "my interest in veterans actually began in those wards at Ft. Riley."

Mrs. Krause was a nurse at the Kansas Army post during WW I. She was a registered nurse at a Peoria, IL hospital when the war began but thought



**Nell Krause**

she might do more good in the Armed Forces so she joined the Army at the age of 21.

Although she left fulltime nursing after the war, Mrs. Krause has done volunteer nursing and helped establish the Boone County Hospital. She was president of the hospital auxiliary for three years.

Mrs. Krause attributes her success in various predominately male organizations to her ability "to think like a man but talk like a lady." She added, "I do see a man's viewpoint more clearly."

Mrs. Krause had a pacemaker attached to her heart about 10 years ago and was forced to reduce her activities somewhat, "but I go to enough Legion meetings to keep in the know," she said.

### American Legion Life Insurance Month Ending February 28, 1977

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| Benefits paid January 1, 1977-                 |                 |
| February 28, 1977 .....                        | \$ 397,403.24   |
| Benefits paid since April 1958 ..              | \$22,675,879.07 |
| Basic units in Force (Number) ..               | 180,359.5       |
| New applications approved                      |                 |
| since Jan. 1, 1977 .....                       | 345             |
| New Applications Declined .....                | 83              |
| New Applications Suspended                     |                 |
| (applicant failed to return Health Form) ..... | 137             |

The American Legion Life Insurance is an official program of the American Legion, adopted by the National Executive Committee, 1958. It is decreasing term insurance, issued on application to paid-up members of The American Legion subject to approval based on health and employment statement. Effective Jan. 1, 1976, death benefits range from \$60,000 (6 units through age 29, 25 in Ohio) in decreasing steps to \$125 ( $\frac{1}{2}$  unit at age 75 or over). Previously, maximum was 4 units. This protection is available throughout life, as long as the annual premium is paid, the insured remains a member of The American Legion, and the Plan stays in effect. Available up to six units at a flat rate of \$24 per unit a year on a calendar year basis, pro-rated during the first year at \$2 a month per unit for insurance approved after January 1. Underwritten by two commercial life insurance companies, the Occidental Life Insurance Co. of California and United States Life Insurance Co. in the City of New York. American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Fund is managed by trustees operating under the laws of Missouri. No other insurance may use the full words "American Legion." Administered by The American Legion Life Insurance Division, P.O. Box 5609, Chicago, Illinois 60680, to which write for further details.



Someone stole the flag that flew outside the St. Vincent De Paul Charity dining room in Phoenix, AZ, so Post 1, Phoenix, donated a new one. Raising the new banner are (l to r) Charlie Green, dining room manager, Frederic Gogolan, adjutant, and Steve Price, post commander.

## Legion Cancer Fund Gives Final Tally

A final total of \$1,152,208.71 has been collected for the Legion Cancer Fund. This effort by the Legion and the Auxiliary to "wipe out cancer in our lifetime" was started as a result of a resolution adopted by the Legion's National Executive Committee in May 1975.

Department contributions are as follows:

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|----|--------------|----|------------|
| AL | \$ 20,342.77 | NV | 2,335.65   |
| AK | 6,461.67     | NH | 8,494.17   |
| AZ | 10,015.37    | NJ | 77,300.78  |
| AR | 11,150.00    | NM | 7,989.22   |
| CA | 40,964.11    | NY | 158,077.84 |
| CZ | 1,535.38     | NC | 22,380.39  |
| CO | 13,199.53    | ND | 10,139.06  |
| CT | 6,685.51     | OH | 75,351.85  |
| DE | 2,161.00     | OK | 9,036.69   |
| DC | 5,979.30     | OR | 11,191.08  |
| FL | 53,700.05    | PA | 34,920.36  |
| GA | 33,814.18    | PR | 4,119.77   |
| HI | 1,900.31     | RI | 3,375.26   |
| ID | 3,716.00     | SC | 7,563.11   |
| IL | 44,696.72    | SD | 9,773.00   |
| IN | 43,417.54    | TN | 7,178.51   |
| IA | 27,668.02    | TX | 38,687.35  |
| KS | 19,693.52    | UT | 2,642.70   |
| KY | 24,868.65    | VT | 11,741.99  |
| LA | 14,968.12    | VA | 11,281.58  |
| ME | 7,375.78     | WA | 13,577.34  |
| MD | 26,429.30    | WV | 7,973.68   |
| MA | 37,163.54    | WI | 19,168.68  |
| MI | 20,167.45    | WY | 5,284.76   |
| MN | 35,140.66    | PI | 121.00     |
| MS | 10,134.25    | CN | 1,021.00   |
| MO | 30,667.42    | MX | 461.30     |
| MT | 4,172.18     | FR | 6,268.03   |
| NE | 26,449.23    | IT | 115.00     |

\$1,152,208.71

### NEW POSTS

The following new posts were recently chartered by The American Legion: Ouachita Valley Post 345, Mena, AR; Laveen Post 96, Laveen, AZ; Sandy Springs Post 261, Sandy Springs, GA; Kenneth B. Dean Post 55, Pearl City, HI; R. E. Almande Post 262, Merryville, LA; Alvo Post 375, Alvo, NE; David T. Hancock Memorial Post 900, Montgomery, PA; Adjuntas Post 152, Adjuntas, PR; Jellico Post 144, Jellico, TN; and Daniels-Mottern Post 152, Jonesboro, TN.

Clarendon Post 126, Clarendon, TX; Ralls Post 255, Ralls, TX; William Graves Post 290, Silverton, TX; Tahoka Post 305, Tahoka, TX; Sundown Post 328, Sundown, TX; and Coker-Daniel Post 480, Turkey, TX.

### ARIZONA, WE APOLOGIZE!

In the April issue we incorrectly listed WW I hero Frank Luke as being from Oklahoma. Luke was born in Phoenix, AZ in 1897. In his honor, and named after him, are Luke Air Force Base, AZ and Luke-Greenway American Legion Post in Phoenix.

## Medals Awarded . . . 58 Years Later

On Sep. 11, 1918, Gunnery Sergeant William Weber had a job to do. A member of the U.S. 12th Field Artillery near St. Mihiel, France, Sgt. Weber was given the coordinates of a German command post that had to be destroyed. He was ordered to fire one shot. It had to be on target.

The German high command had gathered maps and secret information on U.S. troops being readied for the important push on St. Mihiel, a town that had been held by the Germans during most of the war.

Gen. John J. Pershing planned the attack on St. Mihiel as the first mainly American offensive of the war. Some 500,000 U.S. troops and about 100,000 French stood ready to rout the 60,000 Germans who held strongly fortified positions.

Sgt. Weber was ready. He fired. A few minutes later, information came back. Weber's one shot was a direct hit. The German position was wiped out, destroying German attack plans.

During the next two days, the Allies launched an all-out offensive on the German position. A reported 1,000,000 shells were fired in a four hour period. Weber's excellent marksmanship helped



Sergeant William Weber, seated, received three medals during ceremonies at the Hand-Aldrich Post 924, Hampton Bays, Long Island, NY. Cmdr. Valerie Reed made the presentation while post cmdr. Frank Navratil and Marion L. Pond, post historian, observed the ceremony.

to turn the tide of battle at St. Mihiel.

On Nov. 11, 1976—58 years later—Gunnery Sergeant William Weber, member of Hand-Aldrich Post 924, Hampton Bays, Long Island, NY, was awarded three medals from the French government and the Purple Heart (his second) for wounds received and gallantry in action in the Soissons and St. Mihiel fronts, August-September 1918.

## Paid Up Dues Plan Saves Members Money

More than 3800 Legionnaires in 36 departments have taken advantage of the special plan, instituted last year, for a paid-up-for-life national membership.

The plan has met with particular success among Legionnaires with more than 25 years membership. National headquarters has recently completed a special mailing to all members in that category in selected departments.

The appeal of the paid-up-for-life plan offers a savings in dues over the

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County Cmdr. Valerie Reed, first woman commander in Suffolk County, presented Weber the Gold Croix de Guerre with Palm and Oak Leaf Cluster, the Gold Fara Guerre and the Bronze Croix de Combatte with shoulder decorations.

Comrade Weber, who is now confined to a wheelchair due to his wounds in battle, celebrated his 81st birthday the day he received his medals.

## Patterson Named National Americanism-Youth Director

Raymond C. Patterson, 51, has been named director, Americanism and Children & Youth Division of The American Legion succeeding Fred T. Kuszmaul who died Feb. 20.

Formerly assistant director, Patterson will be responsible for administering the



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various youth activities programs including Boys Nation, Oratorical, baseball, education and scholarships, the Child Welfare Foundation, and the counter-subversive program.

Patterson, who holds a masters degree in education, joined National Headquarters staff in February 1973 after 17 years with the Osage, IA community school system.

A Navy veteran of WW II, Patterson has been active in Legion affairs since he left military service and has served as national executive committeeman and held state, district and post positions.

He lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Marylee, and their five children.

## Seaborn Collins Dies, 1954-55 Commander

Seaborn P. Collins, 64, past national commander of The American Legion (1954-55) died March 30 at Las Cruces, NM. He was buried with full military honors at Fort Bliss, TX.

Collins, a world War II Army Air Force pilot, was elected at the 36th national convention in Washington, DC, in 1954. He had served as chairman of the National Security Commission (1953-54) and vice chairman of the National Military Affairs Committee (1952-53.) He was the first national commander to pilot his own plane on visits to Legion posts throughout the country.

He was the first World War II veteran elected commander of the Department of New Mexico (1949-1950.)

## Legion Cites Employers

### Veterans Hiring Practices

The American Legion has awarded citations to 110 employers around the nation for their practice of hiring veterans, older workers and the handicapped. Awards for hiring handicapped workers went to 23 employers and awards for hiring older workers went to 26 companies. The awards for hiring veterans were divided into two categories—those employers with 200 or fewer employees and those with over 200.

The national awards are made by the Legion's National Economic Commission with employers nominated by department organizations.

**Handicapped Awards Recipients:** Bush Hog Div.-Allied Prod. Corp., Selma, AL; Burns International Security, Fort Smith, AR; Sunkist Growers-Lemon Products Div., Corona, CA; Western Forge Corp., Canon City, CO; Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., Cedartown, GA; Tupperware Co., Jerome, ID; Brammall, Inc., Angola, IN; Ability Bldg. Center, Inc., Rochester, MN; Westmont Tractor Co., Missoula, MT; Chief Industries, Inc., Grand Island, NE; Kendall Enterprises, Inc., Littleton, NH; Skills Unlimited, Inc., Oakdale, NY; Win-Tex Knitting Mills, Inc., Asheville, NC; Gould Inc., McConnelsville, OH; Phillips Products Co., Inc., Pryor, OK; Bud Betz Chevrolet, Cottage Grove, OR; Gentex Corp., Simpson, PA; Gurney Seed & Nursery Co., Yankton, SD; Mark Twain Cafeteria, Memphis, TN; McKee Baking Co., Collegedale, TN; Intercontinental Mfg. Co., Inc., Garland, TX; Braztah Corp., Helper, UT; and St. Croix Health Center, New Richmond, WI.

**Older Worker Awards Recipients:** Southern Paper Box Co., Little Rock, AR; Colorado Cash Register Co., Denver, CO; Evan Sholl's Cafeterias, Washington, DC; Lummus Industries, Inc., Columbus, GA; St. Marys Complex, Potlatch Inc., St. Marys, ID; Pinkerton's Inc., Evansville, IN; Lewis System, Inc., Des Moines, IA; Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard, KY; L. W. Edison Co., Grand Rapids, MI; J. R. Simplot Co., Crookston, MN; Equity Supply Co., Kalispell, MT; Coy Paper Co., Claremont, NH; Bell & Howell Co., Phillipsburg, NJ; Big Jo Lumber Co., Santa Fe, NM; Grow, Binghamton, NY; Valley Memorial Home, Grand Forks, ND; Hynes Industries, Inc., Youngstown, OH; Hahn Truck Line, Inc., Oklahoma City, OK; Wallace Security Agency, Portland, OR; Botany 500, Philadelphia, PA; Sioux Valley Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD; KCBD-TV, Lubbock, TX; Davis County School Dist., Farmington, UT; General Metals of Tacoma, Inc., Tacoma, WA; Marathon County Park Dept., Wausau, WI; and Utah International, Inc., Shirley Basin, WY.

The following employers were cited for hiring veterans.

200 or fewer employees: Brungard Equipment Co., Prichard, AL; Corbett Roofing Co., Tucson, AZ; Tri City Const. Co., Springdale, AR; Hotsy Corp., Colorado Springs, CO; Wackenhuft Corp., Atlanta, GA; Miko Meat Corp., Hilo, HI; Abex Corp-Amco Div., Anderson, IN; Farmland Soy Processing Co., Sergeant Bluff, IA; Del Monte Corp., Pauline Distribution Center #266, Topeka, KS; Whayne Supply Co., Inc., Pikeville, KY; Martin-Marietta Cement, Thomaston, ME; Owens-Illinois, Inc., Forest Products Div., Worcester, MA; Peterson Machine Products Co., Inkster, MI; Staver Foundry Co., Virginia, MN; Kennedy Engine Co., Pascagoula, MS; L. P. Anderson Contractor Service, Miles City, MT; George A. Rolfs Co., Falls City, NE; Hermsdorf Fixtures Mtg. Co., Manchester, NH; Jan Packaging Co., Dover, NJ; R&M Systems, Inc., Albuquerque, NM; Carl's Drugs Warehouse, Rome, NY; The Anaconda Co., Eden, NC; Moritz Steel Co., Cleveland, OH; Mertz Iron and Machine Works, Inc., Ponca City, OK; City of Cottage Grove, Cottage Grove, OR; Metro Container Production Services, Washington, PA; Plainsco, Rapid City, SD; McCaig Cabinet & Camper Shop, Columbia, TN; Science Applications, Inc., El Paso, TX; Utah International, Inc., Cedar City, UT; Poquoson Motors, Inc., Hampton, VA; Appalachian

Power Co., Logan, WV; and Diesel Specialists Inc., Green Bay, WI.

More than 200 Employees: Gold Bond Bldg Products, Mobile, AL; Mountain Bell Telephone Co., Tucson, AZ; Great Plains Bag Corp., Jacksonville, AR; Clement Brothers Co., Trinidad, CO; General Dynamics Corp. Electric Boat Div., Groton, CT; Westinghouse Electric Corp., Tampa, FL; Bendix Corp., South Bend, IN; Swift Fresh Meats Co., Marshalltown, IA; Excel Industries, Inc., Hesston, KS; Hobart Mfg. Co., Mt. Sterling, KY; Consolidated Rail Corp., Springfield, MA; Erie Mining Co., Hoyt Lakes, MN; Ingalls Shipbuilding Corp., Pascagoula, MS; Kellogg Co., Omaha, NE; Carol Cable Co., Manchester, NH; Wheaton Plastics Co., Mays Landing, NJ; Lockheed Electronics Co. Inc., Las Cruces, NM; NY State Electric & Gas, Binghamton, NY; Champion International, Canton Mill, Canton, NC; Cincinnati Time Recorder Co., Cincinnati, OH; Halliburton Services, Duncan, OK; Litton G&G Systems Div. of Litton, Grants Pass, OR; Corning Glass Works, Charleroi, PA; Quaker Oats Co., Memphis, TN; Global Graphics, Inc., Fort Worth, TX; Boeing, Hill AFB, UT; Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp., Ravenswood, WV; and Miller Electric Mfg Co., Appleton, WI.

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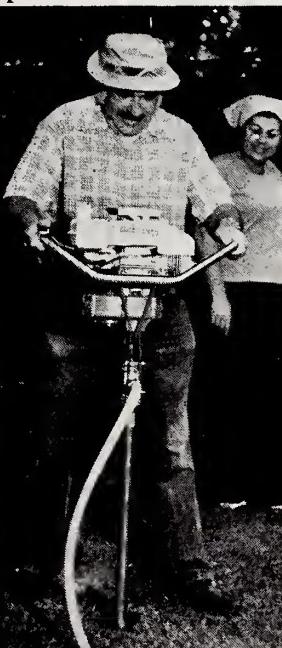
- 2nd Arm'd Div (WW2)—(Jul) Robert Pryor, 8562 Ariel St., Houston, TX 77074
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- 3rd Inf, 4th Bat, 11th Inf Brig—(Jul) Ed Odom, 36524 Hees, Livonia, MI 48150
- 4th Arm'd Div—(Jul) Samuel Schenker, 2440 Victoria Dr., Sharon, PA 16146
- 4th Inf Div—(Jul) Francis Bradley, 157 Woburn St., Medford, MA 02155
- 5th Rec—(Jul) Rawleigh Ping, 6217 Cruxten Dr., Dayton, OH 45424
- 6th Arm'd Div, 165th QM Bn—(Jun) John Shaffer, 2198 Glenbury, Lakewood, OH 44107
- 9th Inf Div (WW2)—(Jul) Daniel Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, NJ 07087
- 11th Fld Hos (WW2)—(Jul) Cliff Nyberg, PO Box 1148, Minneapolis, MN 55440
- 12th Arm'd Div—(Jul) Warren Maue, RR #2, Box 154, Germantown, OH 45327
- 13th Corps—(Jul) John Bitting, 10104 Quinby St., Silver Spring, MD 20901
- 14th Evac Hos—(Jun) Robert Flynn, 61 Che dell Place, Auburn, NY 13021
- 17th Inf, Co L, 7th Div (WW2)—(Jul) Wm Wolf, 116 Hillcrest Dr., Gibsonia, PA 15044
- 19th Gen Hosp (WW2)—(Jul) Bill Cherry, 17 Thomville Cir., Penfield, NY 14526
- 20th Inf, Co C—(Jul) Lenard Ziglar, 4542 S. Walcott, Indianapolis, IN 46227
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 67th AAA Bat C—(Jul) John Yesco, 31 E.  
 Johnson Ave., Sommers Point, NJ 08244  
 77th Fld Art 2nd Bat, 631st Fld Art—(Jul)  
 Jim Collins, 915 N. 21½ St., Corsicana, TX  
 75110  
 79th Gen Hos—(Jun) Nick Weber, Box 28,  
 Papineau, IL 60956  
 85th Chem Mor Bn—(Jul) Geo Kercell, 321  
 Fermledge Dr., New Kensington, PA 15068  
 88th Eng H Pon Bn—(Jul) Omer Richey,  
 911 Thompson St., Charleston, IN 47111  
 91st Inf Div—(Jul) Bennie Schneider, R 1,  
 Box 68, Richardson, ND 58652  
 96th Inf Div—(Jul) Virgil Below, Cr. 11,  
 Risingsun, OH 43457  
 100th Chem Mort Bn—(July) Howard  
 Painter, 2815 E. Perkins Ave., Sandusky,  
 OH 44870  
 100th, 375th Fld Bn, Bat C—(Jul) Geo.  
 Prediger, Glass Lake, RD #2, Averill  
 Park, NY 12018  
 102nd Inf Div—(Jul) Abe Mitchell, 2 Mc Kay  
 Rd, Bethel, CT 06801  
 105th Sta Hos—(Jul) Betty Ricker, 606 N.  
 Harrison St., Rushville, IN 46173  
 106th Sta Hos—(Jul) Gene Norris, 44 Jewett  
 Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45215  
 109th Inf 28th Div Co K (WW II)—(Jul)  
 Robert Muir, 604 Dean St., Scranton, PA  
 18509  
 113th Fld Art (WW 1 & 2)—(Jun) M. M.  
 Cyrus, 345 Willowood Dr., Henderson, NC  
 27536  
 116th Inf Co M, 29th Div—(Jul) Bill Rowell,  
 RFD 1, Box 73, Emporia, VA 23847  
 152nd Inf, 38th Div 1st Bn (WW2)—(Jul)  
 James Corley, 215 Lafayette St., New Albany, IN 47150  
 190th Fld Art (WW2)—(Jul) Mel Sober, Box  
 361, Sunbury, PA 17801  
 203rd Gen Hos (ETO)—(Jul) John Schwen-  
 ger, 2211 Glencoe St., Denver, CO 80207  
 213th CAAA—(Jul) Wm. Faber, 1404 Elm St.,  
 Lebanon, PA 17042  
 215th CA (AA) MN NG—(Jul) Al Hallanger,  
 517 8th St., SW, Faribault, MN 55021  
 222nd Inf Reg—(Jul) James McNicol, 410  
 Bentley, Newell, WV 26050  
 229th AAA (SL) Bn—(Jul) Fred Heggi, 3626  
 S. Bernard, St. Ann, MO 63074  
 242nd Inf Reg, 42nd Div (WW2)—(Jul) Dee  
 Eberhart, PO Box 877, Ellensburg, WA  
 98926

264th Ord (MM) Co—(Jul) J. B. Reynolds,  
 1819 Olive St., N. Little Rock, AR 72114  
 280th Fld Art Bn—(Jul) Ernest Peschel,  
 22231 Del Valle St., Woodland Hills, CA  
 91364  
 284th FA Bn (WW2)—(Jul) Wm. Hartley,  
 Box 540, Montoursville, PA 17754  
 317th HQ Bat of 81st Wildcat Div—(Jul)  
 David Wehbunt, 1443 Duplin Rd., Raleigh,  
 NC 27607  
 332nd FA Bn, 86th Inf Div, Bat C—(Jul)  
 James Doud, 532 G. St., Sparks, NV 89431  
 335th Eng Rgt, Co E—(Jul) Wm Murphy,  
 242 Blackhawk Dr., Stockton, IL 61085  
 337th Inf Reg att'd 328th FAA Co, 310th Eng  
 —(Jul) Wm. Mitchell, 2332 21st St., SW,  
 Akron, OH 44314  
 338th QM Depot Co—(Jul) Charlie Poole, PO  
 Box 14, Rushville, IL 62681  
 343rd Inf, 86th Div Co A—(Jul) Burnell  
 Wollar, 744 S. Cook St., Barrington, IL  
 60010  
 346th Eng—(Jul) John Spillman, RT 2, Box  
 213, East Bend, NC 27018  
 352nd CA Slt Bn (AA)—(Jul) Dale Beach,  
 1621 Dreher St., Sacramento, CA 95814  
 360th Gen Serv Eng (WW2)—(Jun) Edward  
 Ziatas, Box 257, Marianna, PA 15345  
 409th Inf Co D—(Jul) Ralph Breedie, 7824  
 Geier Rd., Gurnee, IL 60031  
 410th Inf 103rd Div Co D—(Jul) Goffrey  
 Wolfe, G-5105 Van Slyke Rd., Flint, MI  
 48507  
 411th AAA Gun Bn—(Jul) Edgar Gusler,  
 1110 W. 3rd St., Marion, IN 46952  
 442nd AAA AW Bn (Later 99th Chem Mot  
 Bn)—(Jul) James Bryant, 417 W. Pine  
 St., Lonoke, AR 72086  
 459th Ord Evac Co—(Jul) Leon Bazemore,  
 RT 1, Box 94-H, Cofield, NC 27922  
 460th AAA AW Bn Bat C—(Jul) Ire Rigs-  
 bee, RT 2, Box 387, Chapel, NC 27514  
 466th AAA BN (NE Div)—(Jul) James  
 Lightfoot, 32 Elm Hill Prk, Dorchester,  
 MA 02121  
 472nd Fld Art Bn, & FA Para-GLDR Bn—  
 (Jul) Julian Panek, 3334 Demmler St.,  
 McKeesport, PA 15131  
 477th QM Laund Plat—(Jul) Walker Wood,  
 Charlotte, AR 72522  
 478th AAA AW Bn—(Jul) Joseph Morell, 518  
 Center St., Rochester, PA 15074  
 480th AAA Bn (WW2)—(Jul) Milford  
 Swartz, Box 56, RD 1, Palmerton, PA 18071  
 527th Eng Lt Pon Co—(Jul) Marion Mun-  
 singer, PO Box 7, Eldora, IA 50627

## Patton Museum Seeks Vintage Items

The Patton Museum, Fort Knox, KY is interested in obtaining the following WW II vintage items:

- U.S. Army Technical Manuals TM 9-753 and TM 9-750 on the medium tank, M3, M3A1 and M3A2
- Shirt, wool, OD
- Trousers, wool, OD
- Necktie
- Belt and buckle
- Leggings, canvas
- Cap, overseas, wool, OD

Anyone with items to donate or sell should contact DIO Procurement Division, NAP Branch, Bldg T-2, Fort Knox, KY 40121.

## French Families Looking for GI Friends



If you are one of the three American soldiers in the picture above, the French family you visited would like to hear from you. The family lived at Bursard, France and the GI's were stationed at Alencon. Richard Arrandale, 13 Cherry St., Sidney, NY 13838, who has been corresponding with the family will put you in touch.

If you are the soldier at left the French family you stayed with shortly after D-Day would like to contact you. The family name is Le Bon, and their address at that time was Ferme de la Hoguette, at Airel in Normandy. J.M. Hawkins, 26 Marshall Ave, Bognor Regis, Sussex, England, was visiting in Normandy and the French couple asked for his help.

## NAVY

3rd Mar Div—(Jul) Edward Danowitz, 324 Hermitage Dr., Altamonte Springs, FL 32701  
 3rd NCB—(Jul) Theo Wilson, 1539 Apperson Dr., Salem, VA 24153  
 5th Mar Div—(Jul) Frank Buderman, 37 Comac Rd., North Babylon, NY 11703  
 31st Spec Seabees—(July) Charles Scharf, 18 N. Colonial Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21740  
 115th NCB—(Jul) Edward Plummer, 5023 E. Naomi St., Indianapolis, IN 46203  
 188th NCB—(Jul) Arthur Keene, 6890 Churchill Rd., McLean, VA 22101  
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 Ava Btswn Mates—(Jul) Willie Gann, 1350 15th St., Imperial Beach, CA 92032  
 Frat Ordr UDT/Seal—(Jul) Robert Clark, PO Box 5365, VA Beach, VA 23455  
 LST 177—(Jul) Vincent Mongiello, 201 W. Venango St., Mercer, PA 16137  
 LST 610—(Jun) Cyril Kozel, 2618 N. Ridge Ave., Arlington Hghts, IL 60004  
 LST 832 (44-46)—(Jul) Brooks Hamilton, PO Box 55, Stillwater, ME 04489  
 Fleet PO, NY—(Jun) Wilbert Trautwein, 8 Edmond Pl., Irvington, NJ

## Bible of WW II Serviceman Found in Hungary

During WW II, a family in Hungary found a Bible that had fallen from an American airplane that had crashed. After the war, the finder wrote to the Bible's owner, one George R. Miller of Norristown, PA. Mr. Miller answered and requested the Bible be sent to him, but the family was unable to mail anything outside the country. A nephew of the family in Canada recently visited Hungary and brought the Bible back with him, attempted to mail it to George Miller but it was returned because Mr. Miller had apparently moved. George R. Miller, formerly of Norristown, PA, or acquaintances can write Mr. J. Enyagi, 85 Chestnut St., Winnipeg, Manitoba R3G IR4, CANADA.

**Seabee Vets of Amreca**—(Jul) Joseph Brimmer, 6125 Foth Dr., Toledo, OH 43613  
**Sqd VPB-16** (WW2)—(Jul) Avery Fick, 5280 St. Albans Bay Rd., Excelsior, MN 55331  
**US Sub Vets**—(Jul) John Baker, 2232 Boundary St., San Diego, CA 92104  
**Waves 35th Annvrsy**—(Jul) Jan Armstrong, 4404 Anderson Ave., San Francisco, CA 94619  
**USS Allentown**—(Jul) Everett Olson, Box 273, Centerville, SD 57014  
**USS Blue** (DD 387)—(Jul) Clarence Ivory, 10217 Timer Lake, Lynchburg, VA 94502  
**USS Cushing** (DD 797)—(Jul) Harold Minor, 1406 Ohio, Windsor, IL 61957  
**USS Density** (AM 218)—(Jul) Sam Orr, Jr., 2515 N. Nevada St., Colorado Sprngs, CO 80907  
**USS Enterprise** (CV 6)—(Jul) Don Speer, 2315 6th St., Everett, WA 98201  
**USS Fletcher** (DD 445)—(Jul) Keith Snyder, RD #1, Box 167 E, Keesville, NY 12944  
**USS Harris** (APA2) (WW2)—(Jul) Paul Harding Jr., 2310 Eby Ave., Ft. Wayne, IN 46804  
**USS Henley** (DD 391)—(Jul) Roy Anglen, PO Box 3, Hume, IL 61932  
**USS Hornet** (CV 12, 8, CVS 12, CVA 12)—(Jun) Mary Prophet, PO Box 15, Annapolis, MD 21404  
**USS Indiana**—(Jul) Adam Sosnowski, 7412 Henry Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19128  
**USS Picking** (DD 685) (WW2)—(Jul) Edward Boye, 71 Mosley Ave., Staten Island, NY 10312  
**USS Washington** (BB 56)—(Jul) Box 27035, Columbus, OH 43227  
**USS West Point** (AP 23) (WW2)—(Jul) Harold Vos, Box 315, Center Point, IA 52213

### AIR FORCE

**2nd Air Div** (8th AF B-24)—(Jul) Evelyn Cohen, 404 Atrium Apts, 2555 Welsh Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19114  
**3rd SAD, Watton Englnsd** (8th AF 31st & 46th Air Depot Gps)—(Jul) W. S. Noble, 7266 Goodwood, Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
**9th Serv Sqd, 321st Gp 13th AF**—(Jun) Ivon Scroggs, PO Box 297, Magnolia, AR 71753  
**10th Trp Carrier Sqd, 60th Trp Carr Gp**—(Jul) John Diamantakos, 7216 Pine Tree Ln., Fairfield, AL 35064  
**13th Airdrome Sqd** (WW2)—(Jul) Ralph Russell, 2419 Bath, Ashland, KY 41101  
**33rd Photo Recon Sqd**—(Jul) R. W. Freehan, 455 Rivercliff, Little Rock, AR 72202  
**47th Bmb Gp (L)**—(Jul) Ted. Broman, 1629 Fruitwood Ct., San Jose, CA 95125  
**68th Bmb Sqd**—(Jul) W. C. Tood, 9655 Hayvenhurst Ave., Sepulveda, CA 91343  
**98th Bmb Gp (H)**—(Jul) Lyle Spencer, 296 Hagans Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126  
**305th Bmb Gp 8th AF**—(Jul) Abe Millar, Box 757, Sanger, TX 76266  
**319th, 17th, 320th Bmb Grps (M)**—(Jun) Harold Oyster, 622 Deering Dr., Akron, OH 44313  
**323rd, 305th Air Serv Grps** (WW2)—(Jul) Ross Hayes, PO Box Rantoul, IL  
**361st Ftr Gp, 374th, 375th, 376th Ftr Sqd**—(Jul) John Hoffman, 365 NE 28th Terr., Boca Raton, FL 33431  
**362nd Ftr Gp**—(Jul) Bill Marles, 2838 Blue Brick Dr., Nashville, TN 37214  
**426th Nght Ftr Sqd**—(Jul) John Henzler, 815 Glen Allen Dr., Baltimore, MD 21229  
**454th (M) Bmb Sqd, 323 Bmb Grp B-26's**—(Jul) Ray Vignochi, 120 Deleon St., Ottawa, IL 61350  
**505th Ftr Sqd, 404 Ftr Gp**—(Jun) Harold Terrebonne, PO Box 420, Golden Meadow, LA 70357

913th Sig, 446th & 1219th QM Co (Watton England), 8th AF (WW2)—(Jul) W. S. Noble, 7266 Goodwood, Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
**"Shot From Sky" AAF Show** (WW2)—(Jul) John Bowen, 530 Ponce De Leon Manor, NE, Atlanta, GA 30307  
**Spence Field Air Corps**—(Jul) Leonard Hillelson, 2018 Noble St., Pittsburgh, PA 15218

### Miscellaneous

**1st Am Vol Grp Chinese AF**—(Jul) Don Rodewald, 1220 N. Fifth St., Burbank, CA 91504  
**Mar/Nav Paratrrps** (WW2)—(June) D. E. Severance, PO Box 1972, LA Jolla, CA 92037  
**Pearl Harbor Survivors**—(Jul) James Tracy, PO Box 9212, Long Beach, CA 90810

### COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually a statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search For Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers.

**LEEDSTOWN (Sep-Nov 42) & SAMUEL CHASE** (Nov 42)—Need any information from comrades who recall **CHARLES B. MOORS** was treated at sick bay at Fargo Building, Boston, MA after torpedoing of Leedstown. Please contact "CID 368, The American Legion Magazine, 1608 "K" St., NW, Washington, DC 20006."

**WICHITA FALLS NAVIGATION SCHOOL, TX**—Need to hear from anyone who remembers **ANDREW ARAGON** received a wound on the left side of face and forehead. Please contact "CID 369, The American Legion Magazine, 1608 "K" St., NW, Washington, DC 20006".

**9th INF, 2nd BN, F Co**—Need any information from comrades who recall **KING T. GREER** was returned to field duty after receiving permanent L-2 Profile while stationed at Ulm, Germany, 1953. Please contact "CID 370, The American Legion Magazine, 1608 "K" St., NW, Washington, DC 20006."

**76 DIV**—Need to hear from anyone who remembers **ELMER R. REDMON** injured shoulder and chest by a truck when stationed in Germany Feb. 1945. Please contact "CID 371, The American Legion Magazine, 1608 "K" St., NW, Washington, DC 20006."

**642nd Tank Bn, FT. KNOX, KY**—Need any information from comrades who recall **GEORGE T. VIRGIL** injured his spine while participating in PE Gymnastics class while stationed at Ft. Knox. Please contact "CID 372, The American Legion Magazine, 1608 "K" St., NW, Washington, DC 20006."

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It was the European trip I had always dreamed about. I had the time and money to go where I wanted—see what I wanted. But I soon learned that money and time don't mean much when your feet hurt too much to walk. After a few days of sightseeing my feet were killing me.

Oh, I tried to keep going. In Paris I limped through Notre Dame and along the Champs-Elysées. And I went up in the Eiffel Tower although I can't honestly say I remember the view. My feet were so tired and sore my whole body ached. While everybody else was having a great time, I was in my hotel room. I didn't even feel like sitting in a sidewalk cafe.

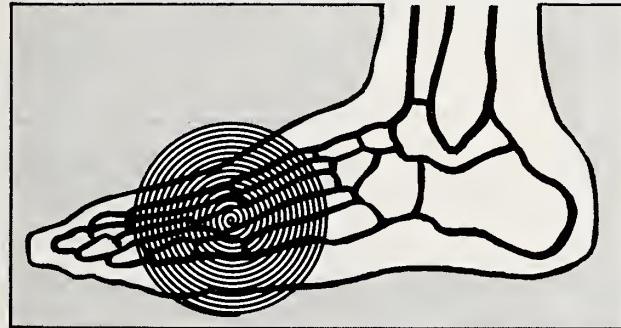
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# Legionnaires Provide Shelter, Food to Snowbound Travelers

It may seem only a bad memory now, but the heavy snow and blizzard conditions that blanketed parts of the Midwest and Northeastern United States last winter left some pleasant memories of The American Legion in the hearts and minds of several hundred stranded travelers in Ohio and New York.

**Post 268, Delphos, OH,** opened its doors to more than 100 motorists who could make it no further because of blocked highways. A state of emergency was declared in Northwestern Ohio's Van Wert County, roads were impassable, and fuel was in short supply when Legionnaires and Auxiliary ladies set up to feed and house the weary travelers. The entire community provided bedding, food and other necessities as Post 268 became an impromptu home-away-from-home.

When the roads finally opened up again the guests were sent on their way with sack lunches and a feeling of having been cared for by The American Legion. One traveler who wasn't a Legionnaire before became one because

of the hospitality he was shown by Post 268 members.

When motels were filled in Pulaski, NY, travelers heading north on Route 81 and 11 found shelter and food at **Pulaski's Post 358.** The post quickly organized its forces when roadblocks were set up to keep travelers from heading further north. Nearly 100 people slept at the post each night during the next eight days and between 100 and 150 people were fed each day.

Among the people who were stranded was a nine-piece band headed for an engagement in Canada. To the delight of their fellow travelers, the group helped relieve the tension by providing entertainment, encouraging the audience to sing and clap along.

Stranded travelers from several states and Canada found themselves in a family of friends called Legionnaires who were there when needed. Hospitality is its own reward but Post 358 received another reward after it was all over—a check for \$500 from the Red Cross to help defray expenses.



National Commander William J. Rogers made a courtesy call on Indiana Governor Otis R. Bowen during the Legion chief's visit to the Hoosier capital. The popular Legionnaire Governor is the only consecutive term governor ever to be elected under Indiana's 1851 constitution. He is a member of American Legion Post 191, Bremen, Indiana, and he is also the only governor in the United States who is a physician. The Legion's annual Spring Conference meets in Indianapolis May 2-5.

## POSTS IN ACTION



**American Legion Post 77 and VFW Post 3723,** led the way with 776 pheasants out of the total 4483 donated. Pictured are members of the two posts with their combined yearly contributions since 1970. Front row (l to r) Don Wiuff, Giles Frodl and Bob Martin; back row (l to r) Post 77 Cmdr. Ron Meixner, Post 3723 Cmdr. Wayne Brocker and Berthren Hougum.



Two active Legionnaires are going to remain active in the Michigan Army National Guard. PFC "Bud" Bush (left) of **Post 116, Niles,** and Sgt Victor Hale (right) of **Post 563, Dowagiac,** recently reenlisted and are welcomed to their assignments in the dining hall by Sgt. Stanley Kizer. Both are veterans of WW II and Korea.

Howard Newberry of **Post 381, Newaygo, MI,** chats with Erik Anderson after the local post and auxiliary presented check for \$1,000 to Anderson to help him in his fight against cancer. A community dinner-dance was held to raise the money. Anderson, an active post member, has been ill for several months.



"Pheasants for Hospitalized Vets," a statewide program in Minnesota, is actively supported by The American Legion and VFW posts in the state. Started in 1941, the program provides pheasant dinner for more than 3500 veterans in hospitals throughout the state as well as VA hospitals in Sioux Falls, SD and Fargo, ND where Minnesota veterans are patients. Pheasants are collected over the first 4 days of the pheasant season, processed by professional butchers, packed in ice and shipped to the hospitals. The city of Owatonna, sparked by the joint effort of

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## Lindbergh's Last Interview

*Q: General, what one idea or one aspect of your talk with Daniel Guggenheim captured his interest?*

A: He was a very visionary man . . . and a very patriotic man. His grandfather had come to the United States from Switzerland, set up a small business, and finally gotten into copper (and) the family had made a great fortune. Daniel Guggenheim never got over his gratitude to the United States for giving him and his family that opportunity. He was always looking for ways in which he could repay what he felt was his debt of gratitude.

*Q: Have we come far enough or do you feel that man must continue his exploration of space?*

A: Without doubt, we should continue the exploration of space. It is, of course, unlimited—the possibilities.

The question is, basically, how much of our natural resources—scientific and engineering attention—we should put into this field. I think a lot. But there are other aspects of life—human life, in particular—that require our attention even more. So, I feel that the exploration of space and the development of missiles should be carried on intensively, but in balance with other requirements such as the surface environment of our world.

*Q: You were also involved in the post-World War II reorganization of the Strategic Air Command?*

A: There was the need that always comes of reorganizing a wartime organization into a peacetime organization. That's one fundamental. The other fundamental, unprecedented, of course, was the advent of the atomic bomb. All concepts of strategic operation had to be changed to conform with the then and unimaginable destructive power of the atomic bomb, and along with that, the rapidly increasing ranges of the Strategic Air Command bombers.

*Q: Did you envision SAC as ultimately becoming one of our mainlines of global deterrents?*

A: Oh, it was even then, and you could see it becoming much more of a global deterrent as soon as the atomic bomb became available.

*Q: Today, our missile defense systems are being influenced greatly by the development of multiple warhead weapons. Do you think this is the ultimate defense system?*

A: I doubt that there is any ultimate defense system. The ultimate system has been talked about for many, many years. And, particularly, when the ICBM's, intercontinental ballistic missiles came into use. And I recall clearly they were called the ultimate weapon even at the time of the Atlas and the Titan.

*Q: In another area, the United States has decided not to develop a commercial SST. Do you see a continuing need, though, for a supersonic military aircraft?*

A: So far as we can now see, supersonic military aircraft are essential. Essential to the security of the country, of course, and the effectiveness of the Air Force.

It's quite different with supersonic transports. Bear in mind that SST means transport. When we're talking SST's, we're talking about commercial aircraft.

Commercial airlines do not need supersonic transport. They're not essential. The problem for commercial airlines is that the cost of supersonic transports is much too high to be practical for any airline operation. I doubt that they can be operated in the foreseeable future without heavy subsidy. Basically, the problems are original high cost, inadequate ranges.

*Q: You used the term "environmental uncertainties." You've been working in environmental areas for a number of years. Where is your environmental interest centered?*

A: It really centers, as did my

major interest in military activities, in the security of, first, the country, and in this case, second—and maybe I should not say second—mankind in general.

What I realized, years ago, after watching the surface of the earth environment for many years in civil and military flying, was that this environment was breaking down in an alarming way and very rapidly. And that no security we build up militarily would be of value, in the long run, if we let our surface environment break down. It is essential to security, both nationally and worldwide.

*Q: Would you comment on how your career as a military officer, particularly about how your association with the Armed Forces, has carried over into your civilian pursuits.*

A: I cannot overemphasize the value of my military training and experience. It has been of tremendous value to me in civil life, right through the years. And, in turn, I think the experience I've had in civil life has given me the opportunity of assisting in military activities.

For instance, I learned, rather quickly, in a period—my cadet period of a year at Brooks and Kelly Fields near San Antonio, TX. I gained a great deal of information, general information, that I would not otherwise have had, particularly in relation to aviation; also, in relation to organization, discipline, responsibility.

And I learned to study. Before I went to the Army schools, I had never learned to study. In organizing the flights of the Spirit of St. Louis, for instance, in 1926 and 1927, the training I had, the information I gained at the Army schools was of tremendous value to me.

I not only am very greatly indebted to the military for the training I received, but I cannot over-emphasize the value of it.

*Q: If a young man or woman had the opportunity to seek your counsel on whether or not to make the military a career, how would you respond?*

A: Oh, in general, I would say definitely to obtain at least some training in the military. Of course, it depends upon their plans of life as to whether they go into the regular services or go in as reserves, but I feel that we would be better off as a country and that our young men and women would be better off personally and as citizens with (some) military training.

Also, I think it's essential to our security in the future. END



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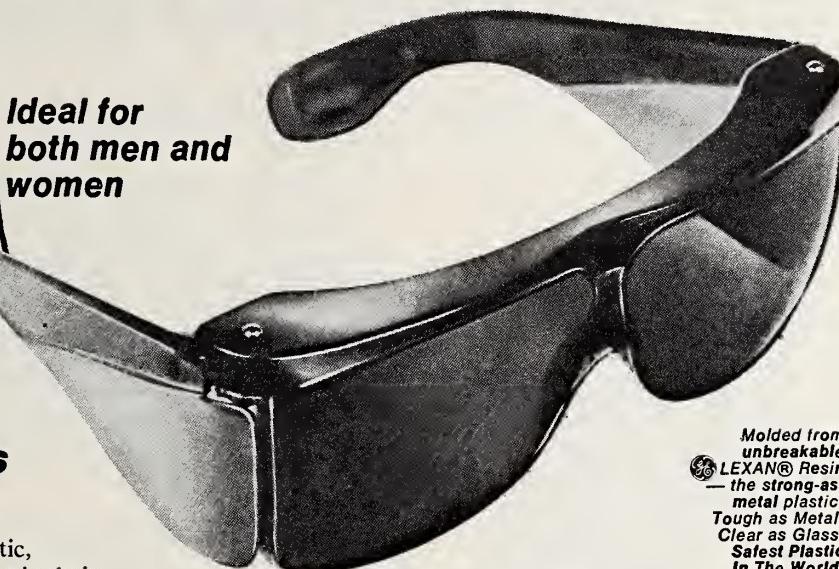
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## CAN SOCIAL SECURITY KEEP ITS PROMISE?

On balance, Medicare has been valuable to the aged. The threat of health care costs had formerly been the most oppressive worry to our senior citizens. Nevertheless, there is an ugly side to national health care. The worst kind of fraud and abuse has been uncovered. Investigations turned up that \$1 out of every \$5 spent for laboratory service may be fraudulent. Nursing homes arising out of Medicaid opportunity are too often under-equipped, under-supervised and unsatisfactory. Relic hotels insufficient for patient care have become the tragic shelter for thousands of patients discharged from mental hospitals. With Medicare most fraud cases involve individual practitioners either overbilling or billing for services never rendered. Medicaid frauds are on a larger scale and more vicious. Some involve clusters of doctors grouped to handle a high volume of patients. Once organized, these unlicensed and unregulated "Medicaid mills" practice needless referrals, billing for services never rendered, billing for work performed by others, multiple billing, soliciting, kickbacks from pharmacies and laboratories, etc. There are no accurate estimates of the cost of Medicaid frauds. Inferential figures show about \$2.2 billion annually passes through Medicaid mills.

Congressional error and bureaucratic ineptitude were shown in recent disclosures of over \$1 billion in overpayments to welfare recipi-

ents under Supplemental Security Income—a federal welfare program that started Jan. 1, 1974.

Over the years, SSA built a highly respected reputation for computer capability and the expertise to manage vast programs. Perhaps the complexity of the SSI task wasn't fully heeded. SSA complains bitterly about the quality of the records forwarded by the states.

Any programmer knows that if you feed errors into a computer, that's exactly what will be expelled. Management at SSA accepted error-ridden input which resulted in abuses to thousands of claimants across the country. To worsen matters, the mistakes of SSI spilled over to other SSA programs. Congressional caseloads swelled.

In response to Congressional pressure, the SSA scrambled to make things right. Instructions, often contradictory or confusing, filtered down from federal to state to local field supervisors who appealed for assistance. Morale plummeted at SSA.

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Social Security is a pact from one generation to another to defend against pauperization and to supplement those in dire need. It also seeks to defend against the ravages of ill health and has a paternal interest in survivors.

Critics of Social Security have a tendency to be myopic. Those who are responsive to the needs of the poor are prone to minimize the financial aspects of the system. On the other hand, those seeking utmost fiscal conservatism will tend to overlook the deep-reaching psychological aspects associated with "security." The tendency is to tamper with the program, adjusting and readjusting until somehow everything comes out all right. But the Social Security system is not a TV picture that can be tuned by knobs. One truth always underlines any manipulation with the system: The more benefits are expanded, the higher the cost.

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cians in the aircraft industry did not exist. Of 26,000 high schools, only five hundred maintained any aviation activity whatever. Pilot training was conducted on a most conservative level. In Germany at that time, for example, there were dozens of schools for aviation instructors alone; we did not have one. We had one aviation research center, at Wilbur Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio; Germany had five."

As World War II began, many of the men who had been involved in automobile racing between the wars followed Rickenbacker's example and joined the Army Air Force—either as pilots or in airframe and aircraft engine research and development. Rodger Ward, who would become a two-time winner of the "500" after WWII, was a fighter pilot over North Africa; Billy Arnold, who won the race in 1930, served in the Air Force; car builder A. J. Watson was a navigator in WWII. He continues to build some of the fastest cars at the Speedway.

In the late 1930's, Sam Hanks started driving midgets on the West Coast. In 1957, Hanks won the Indianapolis 500 at a record average speed of nearly 136 miles per hour. Today, he is director of racing at the Speedway.

"Before the War many of the race car mechanics and drivers became technical representatives for the aircraft industry," recalls Herb Porter, the mastermind behind the continued evolution of the Offenhauser racing engine.

Porter, like Hanks, started as a driver/mechanic in the midgets on the West Coast before World War II. During the War he was the commander of one of the "road shows" that traveled from base to base to train pilots and mechanics, serve as trouble-shooters and provide the consultation necessary to keep the P-47's and B-29's flying smoothly.

"The knowledge we gained then was quickly apparent in racing," Porter said. He was talking about the geared centrifugal superchargers and fuel systems developed for the aircraft industry.

One of the most popular drivers ever to race at the Speedway was Art Pollard, a Navy veteran of World War II. On the morning of the first day of time trials, 1973, he was putting the final practice laps on a car that had been running well all during the month. When he came out of the first turn, his car suddenly left the 'groove' and smashed into

the wall, exploding into flames. Pollard died as a result of burns.

In Indianapolis, and Eugene, OR, he is also remembered for what he did to help others less fortunate than he. In the mid-1960's, Pollard was invited to talk about racing with the emotionally disturbed children who were patients at Larue D. Carter Memorial Hospital, a state psychiatric facility on the campus of the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis. That one visit prompted more, because in the words of Jim Pratt, community services Director of the hospital, "he liked kids." Pollard did not confine himself to visiting just during the month of May, but all during the year, whenever his schedule would permit. And he talked other drivers into coming with him and going on their own.

Following his death, his widow Pat established two trust funds in memory of Art. In Indianapolis, his practice of taking the "Carter kids" to the track during the month of May was established permanently with a trackside picnic each year between the two qualifying weekends, paid for by the trust fund. The fund also provides other recreational activities for the children. At Eugene, OR, the residents of the Pearl Buck Center for the Mentally Retarded and Physically Handicapped were provided with a playground that offers an opportunity for learning through the efforts of the Pollard Trust Fund.

Pollard's closest friend in the racing fraternity, two-time winner Johnny Rutherford of Fort Worth, TX, is also dedicated to community service activities.

The Legion has other ties to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. In 1961, Past National Commander Preston J. Moore and the late National Adjutant E. A. Blackmore presented the Speedway with a huge, 15-x-25 foot, 50-star flag to fly in front of the main entrance. The presentation commemorated the 50th anniversary of the first running of the 500-Mile Race in 1911.

In 1962, Speedway owner Anton Hulman, Jr., was named distinguished citizen of the 11th District of the Indiana Department.

Also in 1962, The American Legion began a tradition when the then National Commander James E. Powers presented a full set of flags of Legion departments, representing the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the seven foreign departments, to the Speedway for display in the original Speedway Museum. END

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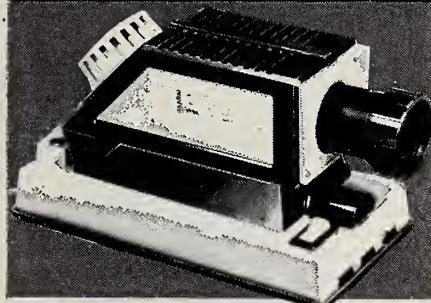
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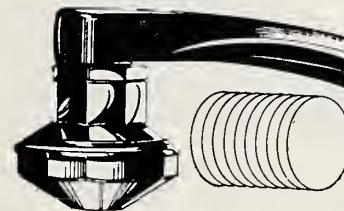


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From the above, it's obvious that energy-saving priorities should be:

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2) **An efficient hot-water heater** with 2½ in. of insulation or better. Don't push the temperature setting above 130 degrees.

3) **Prudent use** of air conditioner, laundry equipment and dishwasher.

4) **Properly tuned car, properly driven.** Keep your tires well inflated (under-inflation means road resistance). Also, use the air conditioner as sparingly as possible.

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Growing medical concern over high blood pressure is boosting the sale of do-it-yourself checkup kits (about \$30), consisting of a pressure gauge and a stethoscope. While doctors and insurance people warn that such medical gear is no substitute for professional appraisal, they say that you can take interim readings, provided 1) the equipment is accurate, and 2) you know how to interpret the findings.

What is safe blood pressure? Only your doctor can give a meaningful set of numbers after observation. As a general guide, the American Heart Assn. has these clues: Under age 50, up to about 140/90 is okay; over 50, be suspicious if pressure exceeds 165/95.

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**RIP-OFF:** A new insurance fraud is cropping up, especially in the East. Here's how it works: A phoney interviewer calls you up and says he is making a survey for an insurance institute, so would you please tell him something about your policies? If you give him enough clues, he then will forge a loan against your insurance (it may take months or longer to find out that you've been ripped off). Moral: Never give strangers any specifics about your financial affairs.

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By Edgar A. Grunwald

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### No Whitewash on MIAs

we must continue to use every resource to pressure Hanoi for every bit of information available."

President Carter told a news conference hours later that he considered the Vietnamese response to his mission "very favorable." He said Hanoi has promised to set up an agency that will receive American information on dates and locations where men were lost.

"I think this is about all they can do," the President said. "I don't have any way to prove that they have accounted for all those about whom they have information. But I think . . . they have

acted in good faith."

The President said he approved further negotiations with the Vietnamese in Paris to discuss possible diplomatic and economic ties, but he denied that the United States had "a moral obligation" to rebuild war-damaged areas in Southeast Asia.

"The destruction was mutual," Mr. Carter said, ". . . I don't feel that we ought to apologize or to castigate ourselves or to assume the status of culpability."

Normalization of relations, he said, could involve trade and normal aid processes, "but I don't feel that we owe a debt nor that we should be forced to pay reparations."

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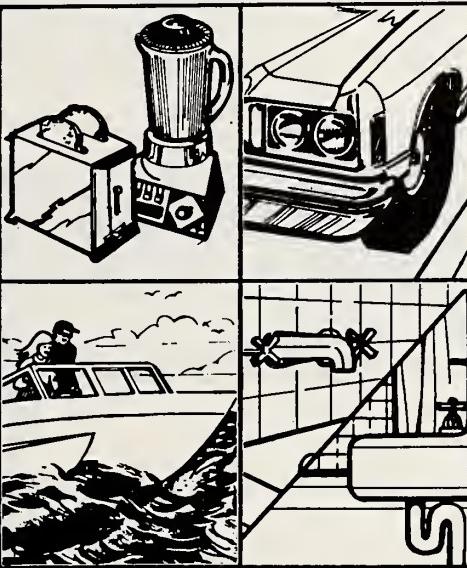
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Devoted squirrel hunters consider the sport perfect outdoor relaxation. They sit comfortably among the squirrel trees and wait for the bushytail to appear. Rattling pebbles in a box is one type of call; every hunter has his favorite. Shotguns aren't recommended for squirrel shooting; the small pellets usually don't hit these tough little critters hard enough. It's best to use a small-caliber rifle with a telescopic sight, aiming at a spot that will not damage the meat. Daniel Boone used to "bark" squirrels; the bullet from his muzzleloader would hit the tree bark below the animal's head and the concussion would kill it without marking it.

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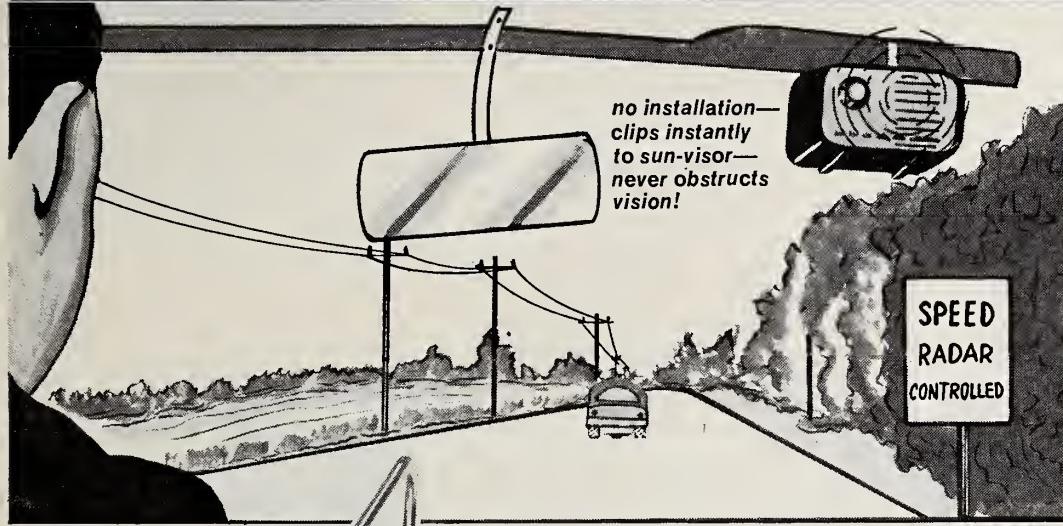
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**The Monroe Doctrine**, edited by Donald Marquand Dozer, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, Pub., 262 pp.

This book is an analysis of the application of the Monroe Doctrine from the time it was first proclaimed by President James Monroe in his annual message to Congress on December 2, 1823.

The Monroe Doctrine has been the most durable if not the most successful of America's foreign policies.

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**Trek to the King's Mountain**, by Elery A. Lay, Moore Pub. Co., Durham, NC, 195 pp., \$7.95.

This is an historical novel, written as fiction but true in fact.

To Revolutionary War buffs, this is must reading, especially in America's 201st year.

The story is based on Tom Lea's struggle to overcome fear. But, on the other hand, it is history—the account of the famous Overmountain Men's taking of Col. Patrick Ferguson on October 7, 1780.

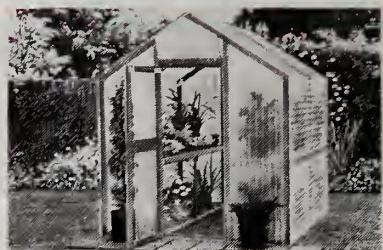
**Give Us Your Poor**, by James Farrell, Fulton-Hall Pub. Co., San Francisco, CA, Pub., 147 pp. \$6.95.

This book deals with the current immigration problem. Illegal aliens from Mexico continue to pour into this country.

As regards to this illegal flow of humanity, the author cites the following from a message from the American Embassy in Mexico to the Department of State: "SUMMARY: Professor Arthur Corwin, who has studied the illegal alien problem intensively for both the U.S. and Mexican governments during recent years, believes that the migratory wave has grown uncontrollable. . . . In the end, Corwin fears, the immigrant wave threatens to engulf traditional American civic and cultural values."

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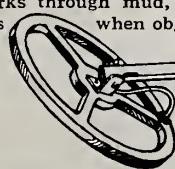
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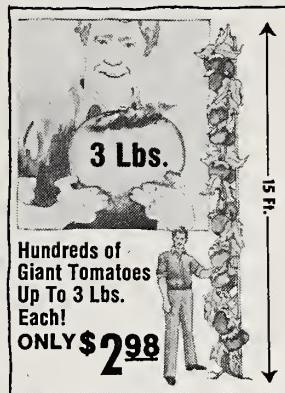
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LUCILLE J. GOODYEAR

## SHY AND RETIRING

An efficiency expert, studying declining production, asked the personnel director, "How many employees are approaching retirement?"

The personnel director eyed the expert thoughtfully. "Well," he replied, "we haven't any employees going the other way."

HERM ALBRIGHT

## DEVALUED

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"As bad as that!" exclaimed the banker as he fainted.

DAVID BISSONETTE

## HOCUS-POCUS

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AUDREY EARLE

## GIDDAP!

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DALENE W. STULL

## IT'S A THOUGHT

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L. J. GOODYEAR

## FABULOUS FIBS

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"I already gave at the office . . ."  
"You don't look any older, not a day!"  
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RUTH WALSH

## SIGN OF THE TIMES

The only thing free of charge today is a run-down battery.

GEORGE E. BERGMAN

## DETOUR DE FORCE

I travel in my dreams each night—  
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Looking for a place to park.

ROSEMARIE WILLIAMSON



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"My Mother said he was sent from Heaven. They must've wanted some peace and quiet."

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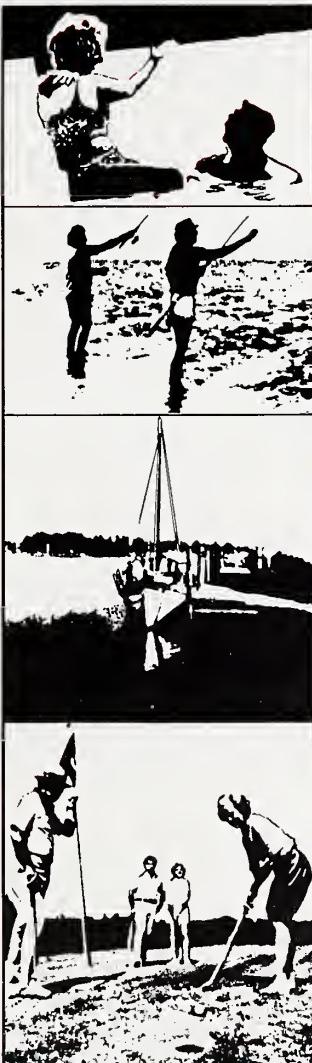
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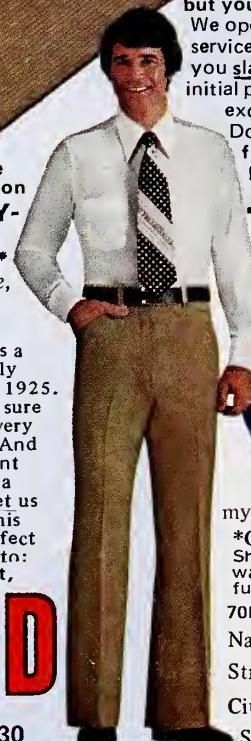
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